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Application No. 09/422,398

REMARKS

This Rule 312 Amendment is being submitted merely to make the figure description consistent with the drawings. No new matter has been added. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 7, beginning at line 13, please insert the following paragraph:

Figure 1c is a schematic view of a four-zone illumination arrangement.

Page 9, beginning at line 5, please delete the following sentence:

[drawing of the continuous tone intensity distribution for a masking aperture
based on four circular zones and a background with an intensity value of
0.25.]

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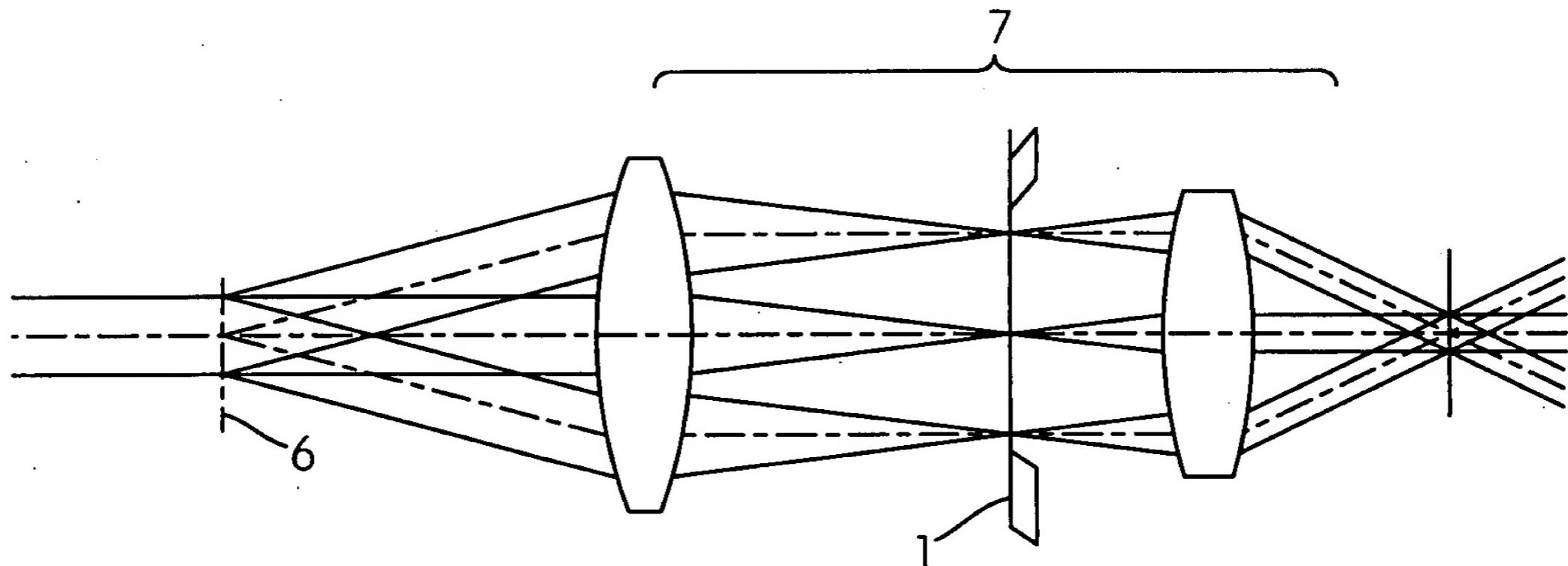


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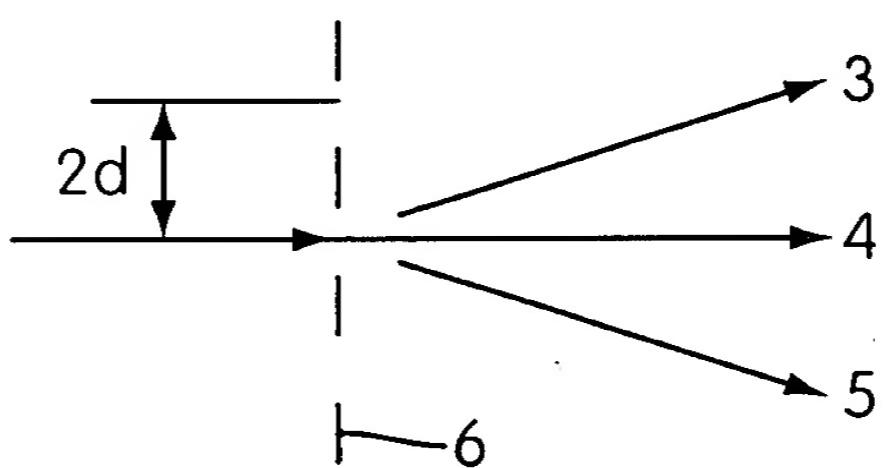


FIG. 1b

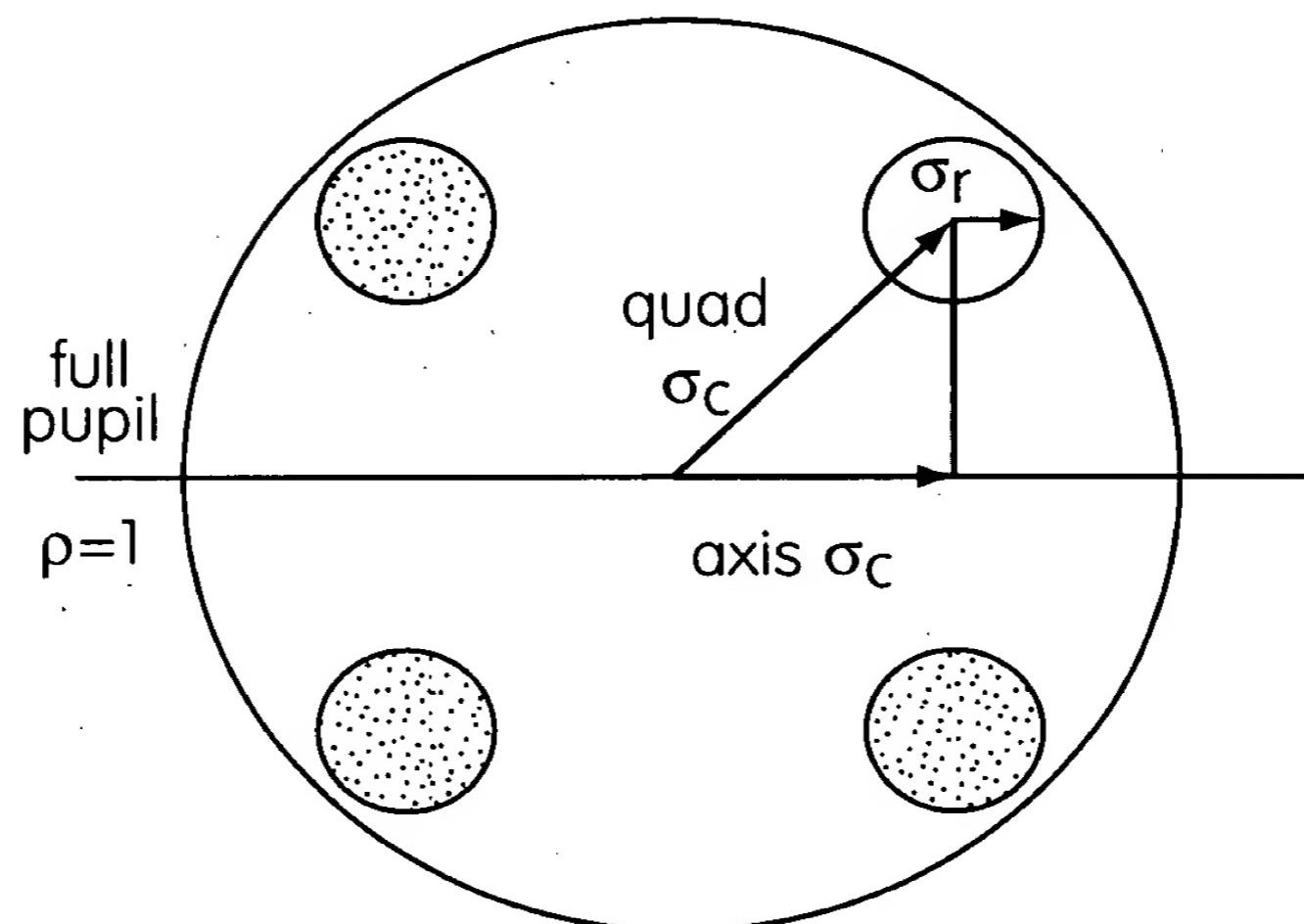


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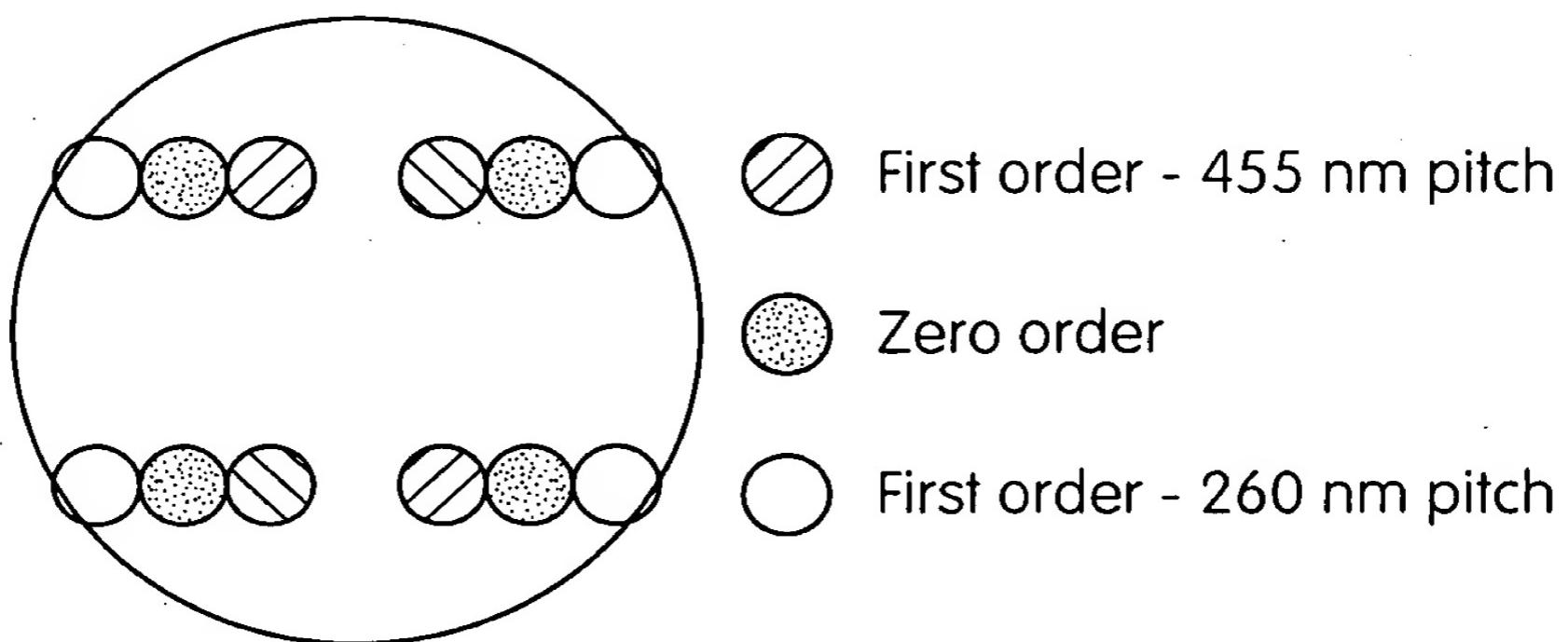


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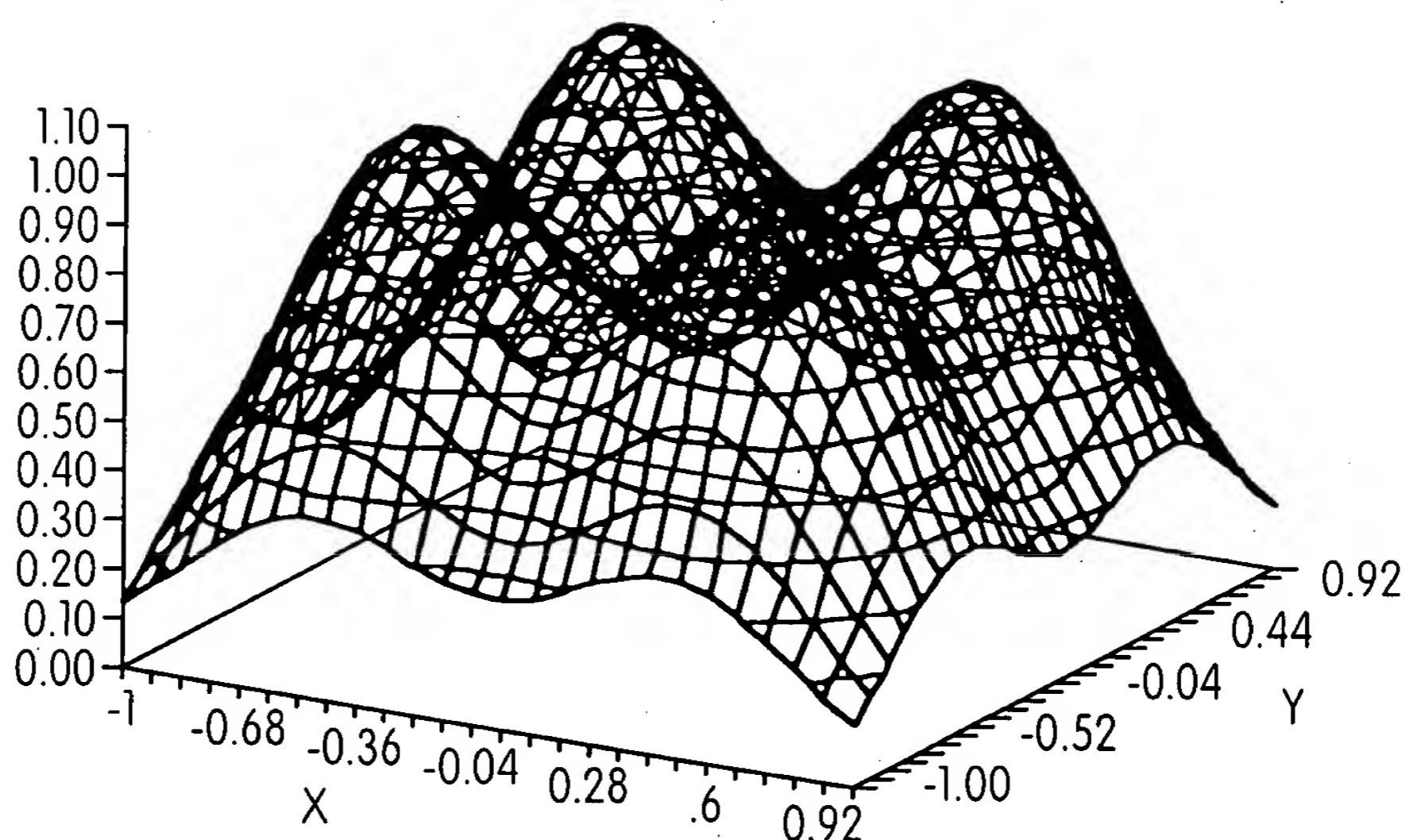


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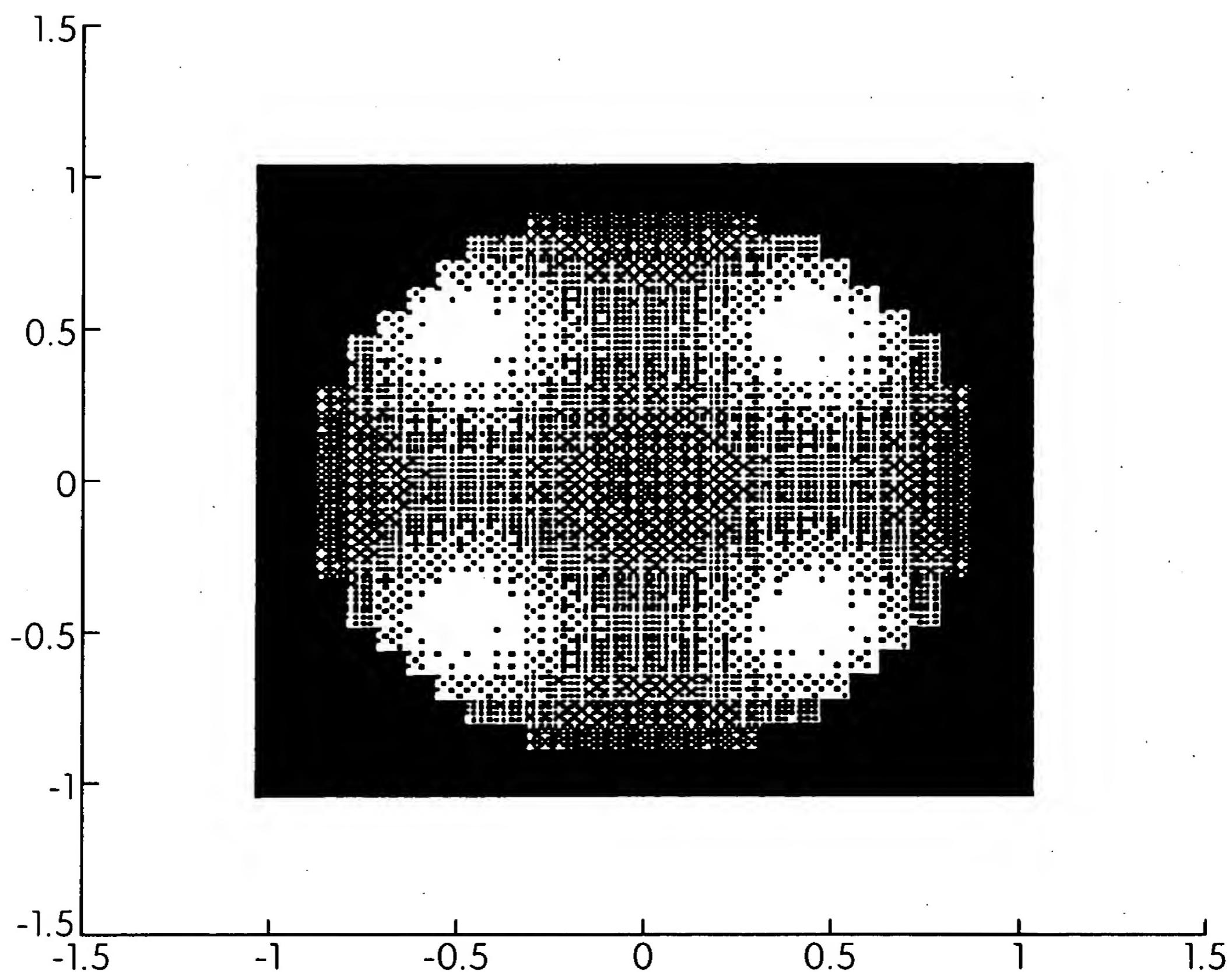


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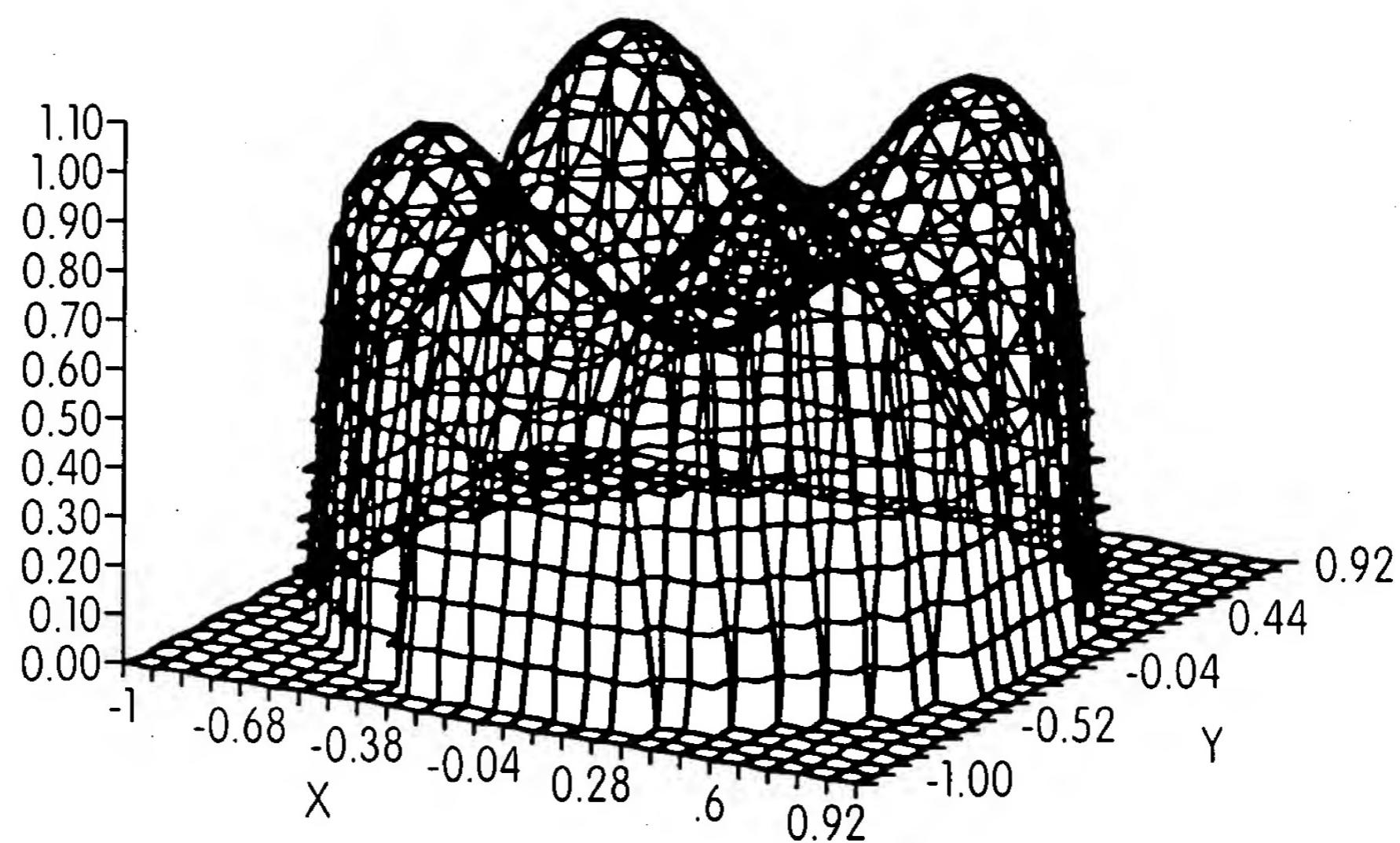


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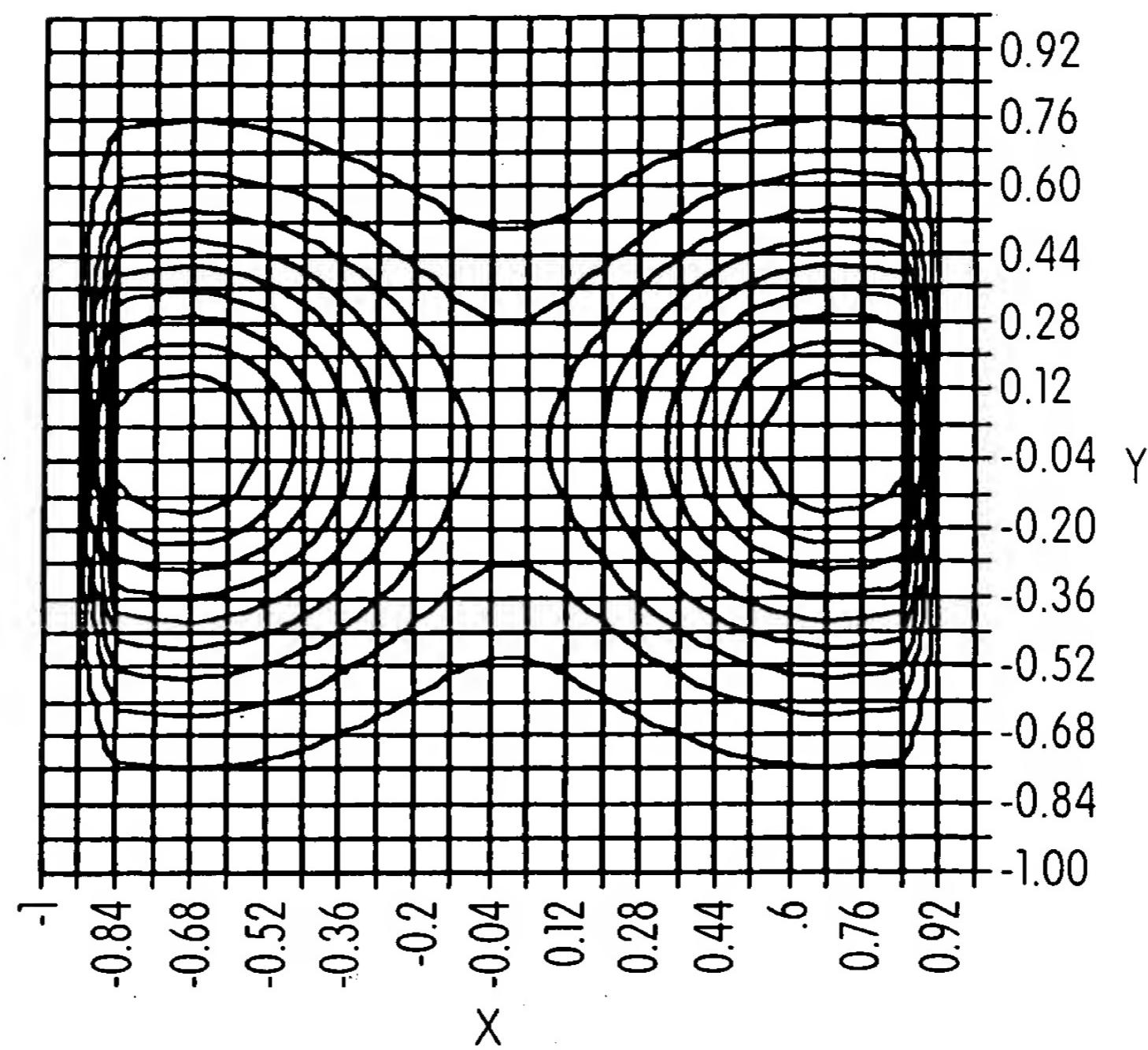


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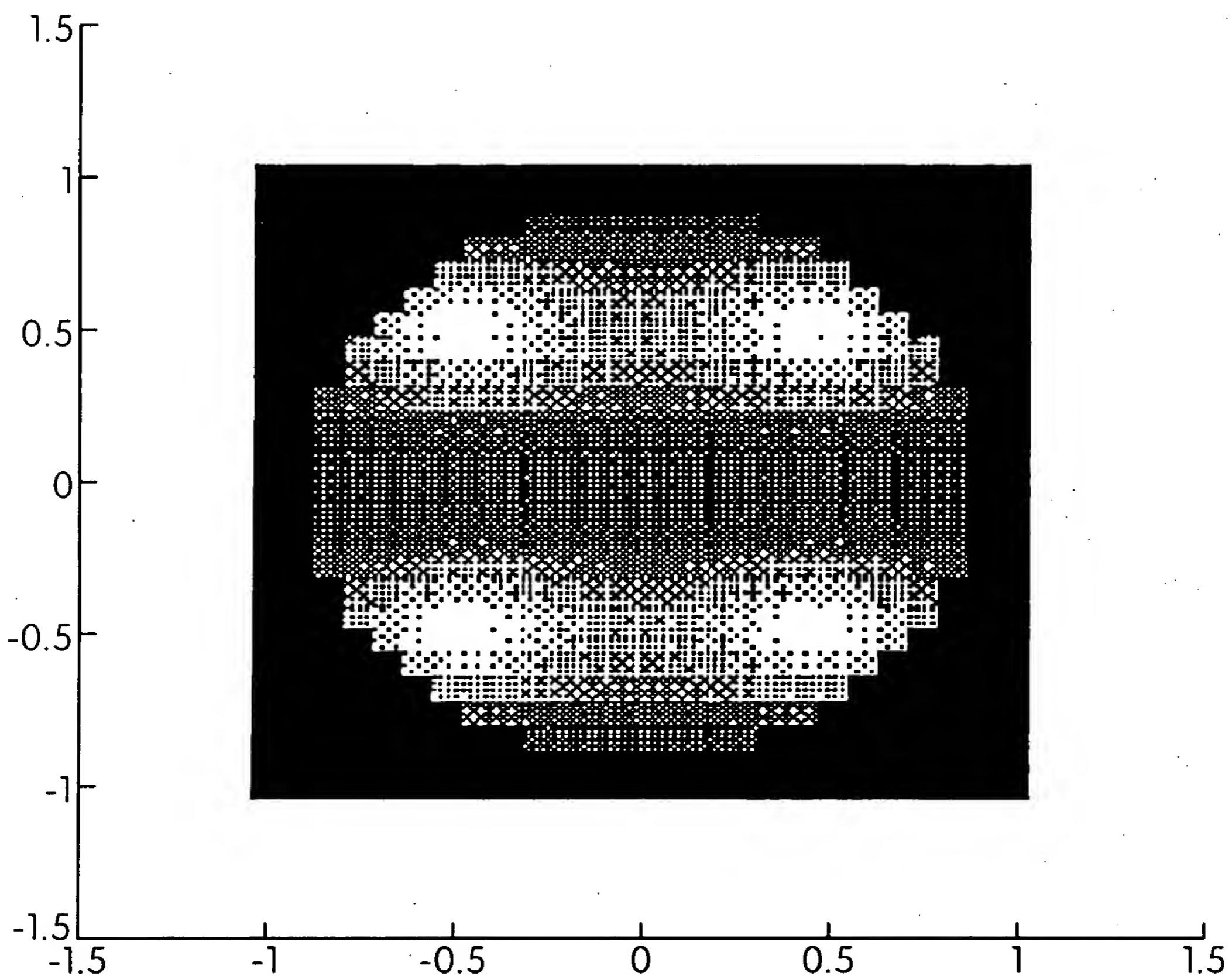


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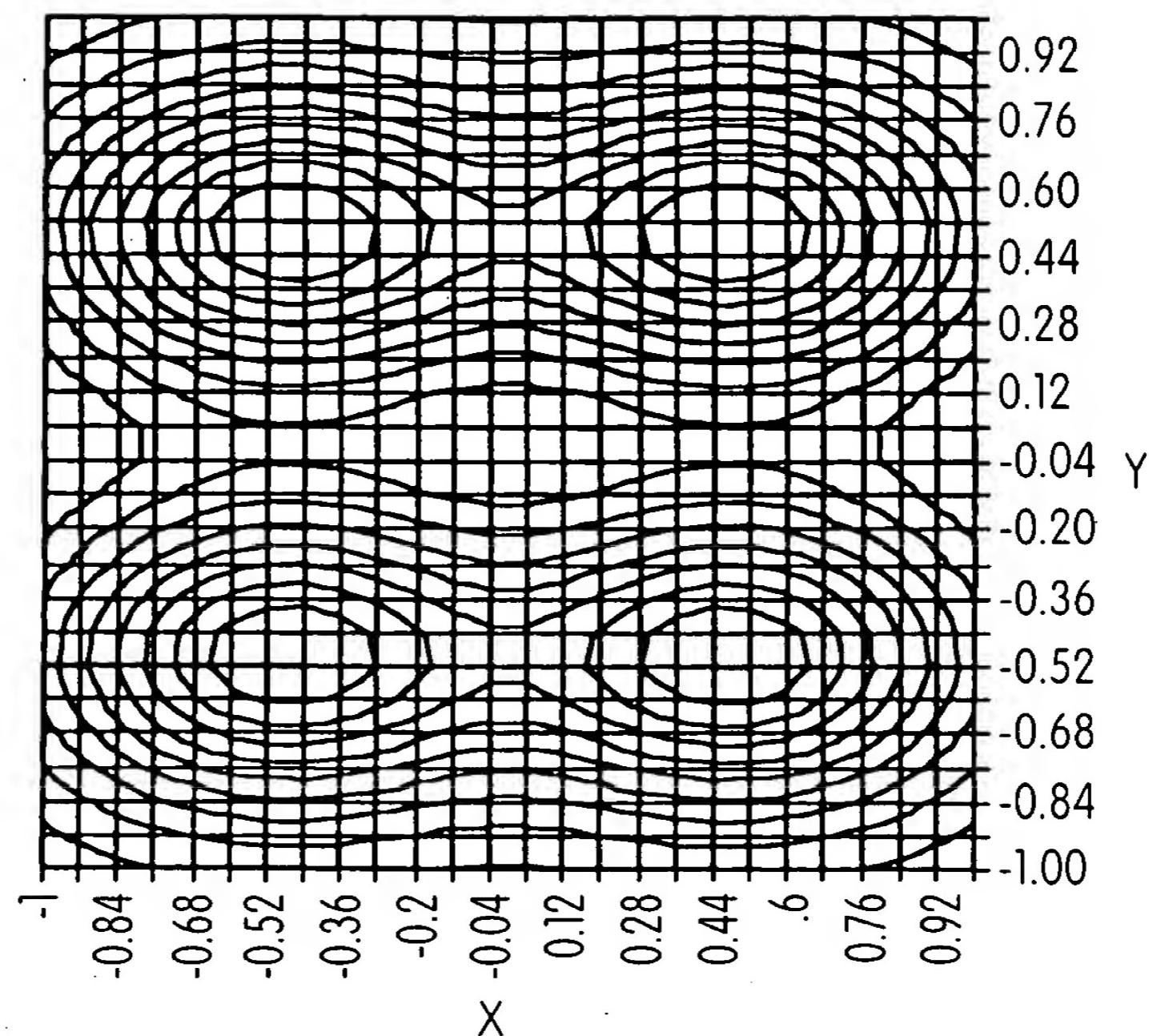


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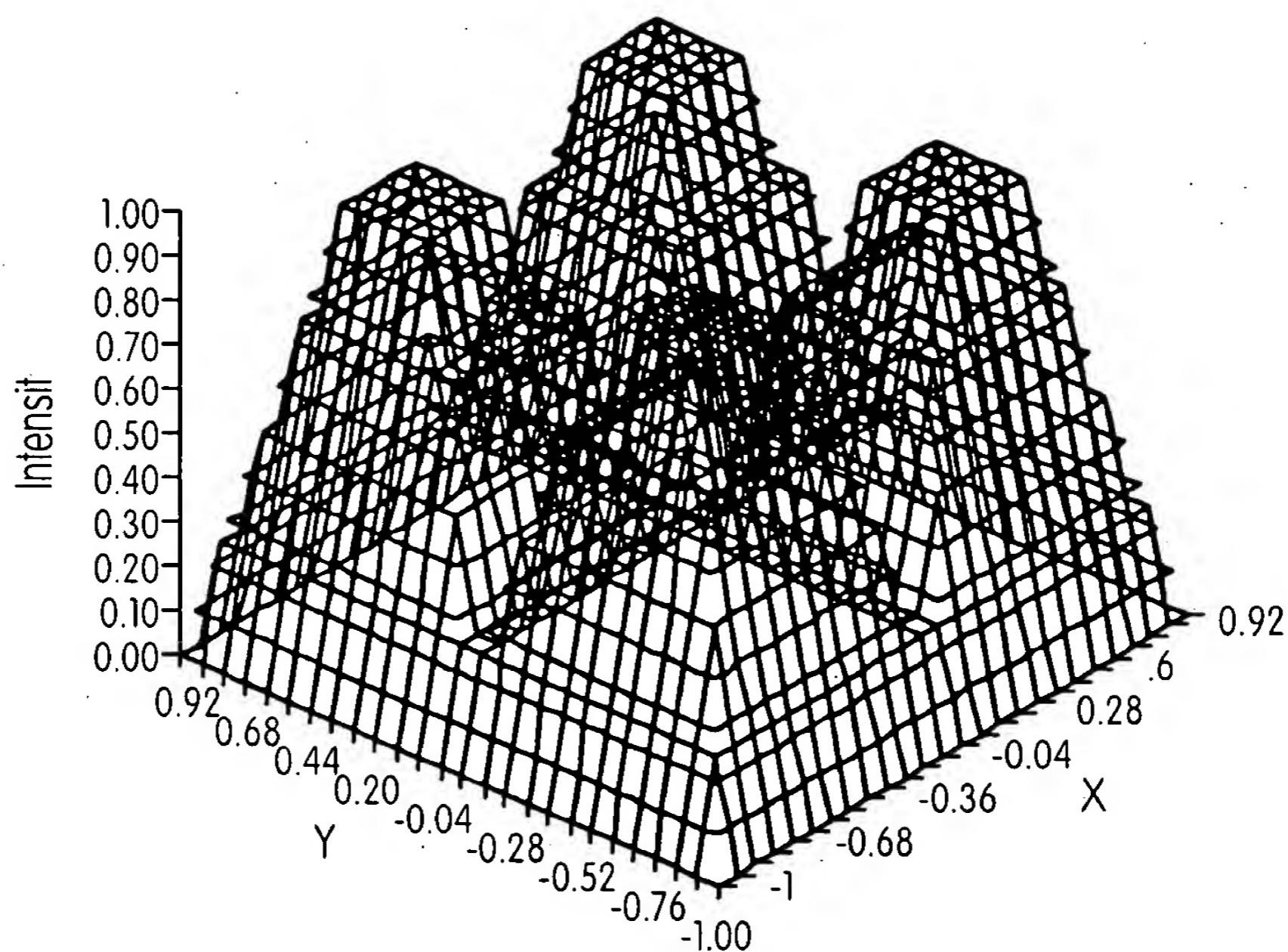


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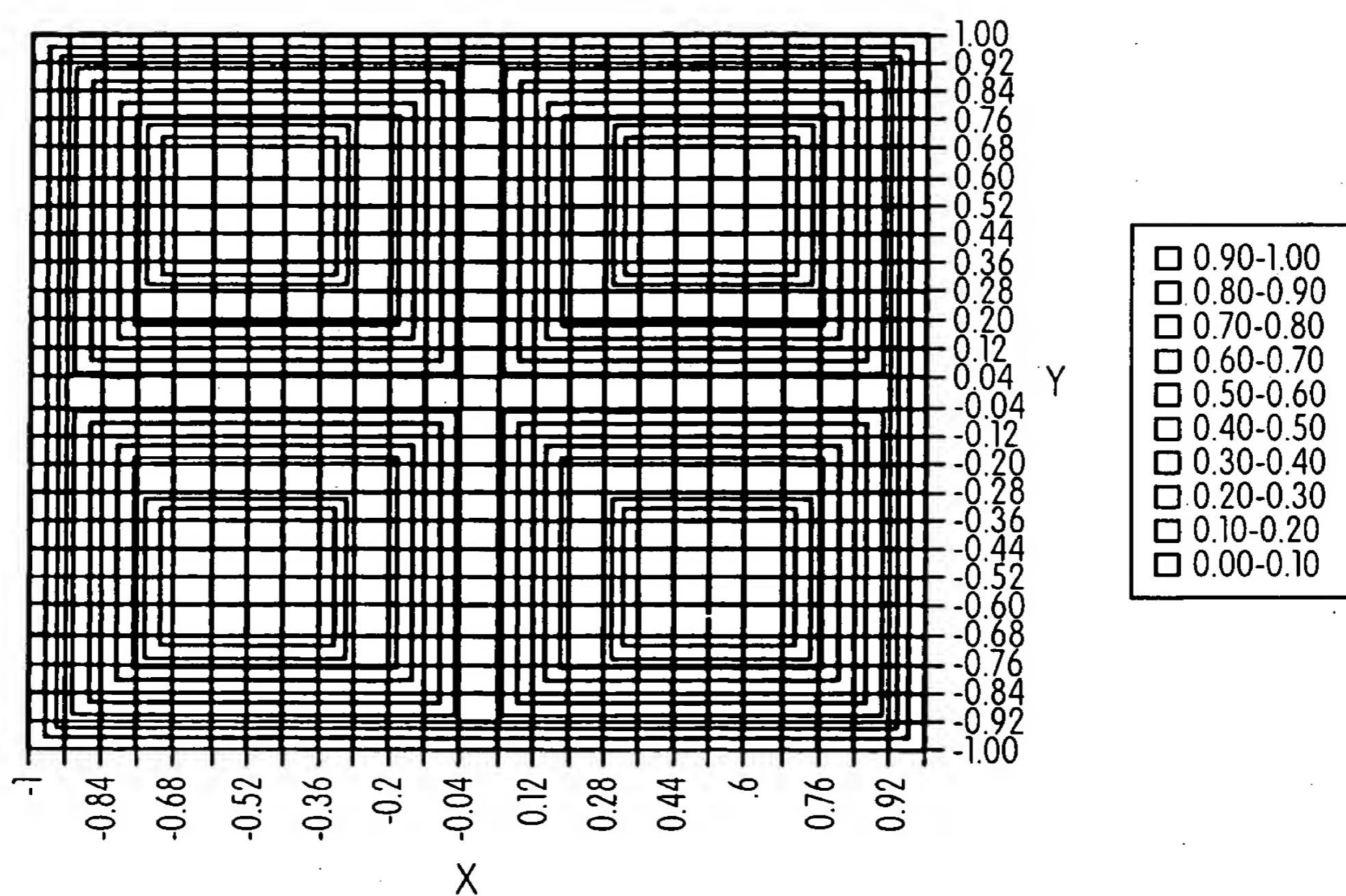


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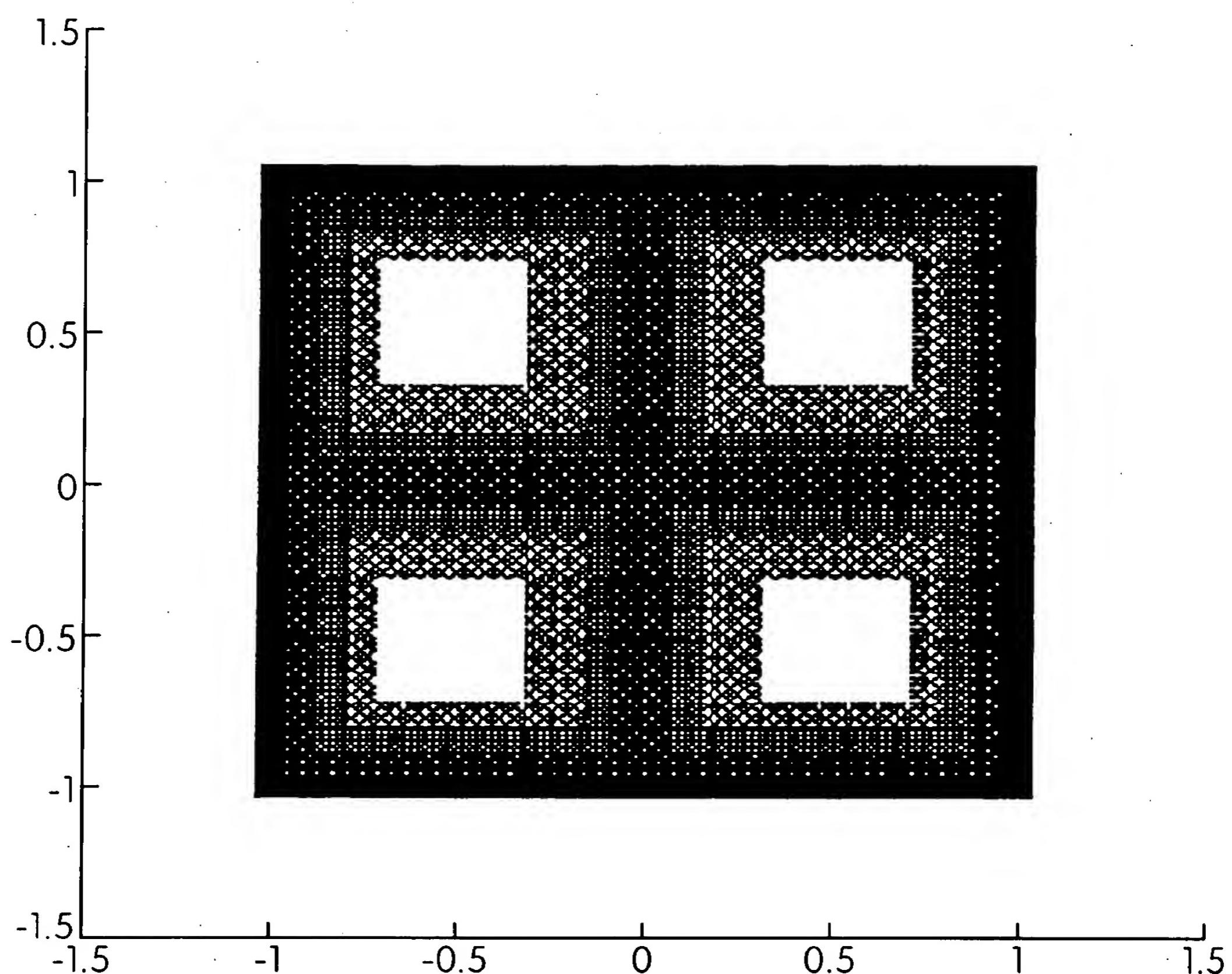


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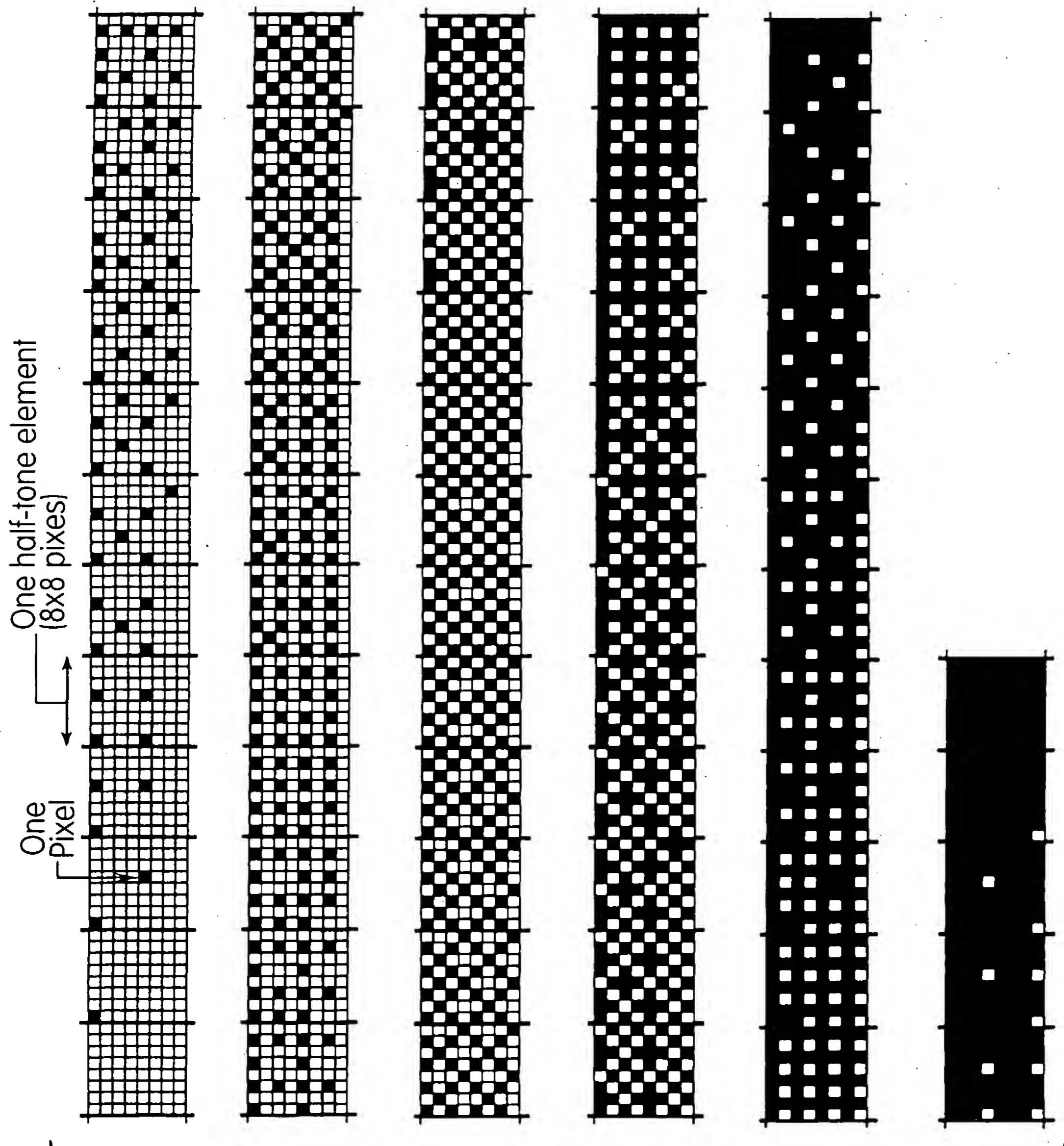


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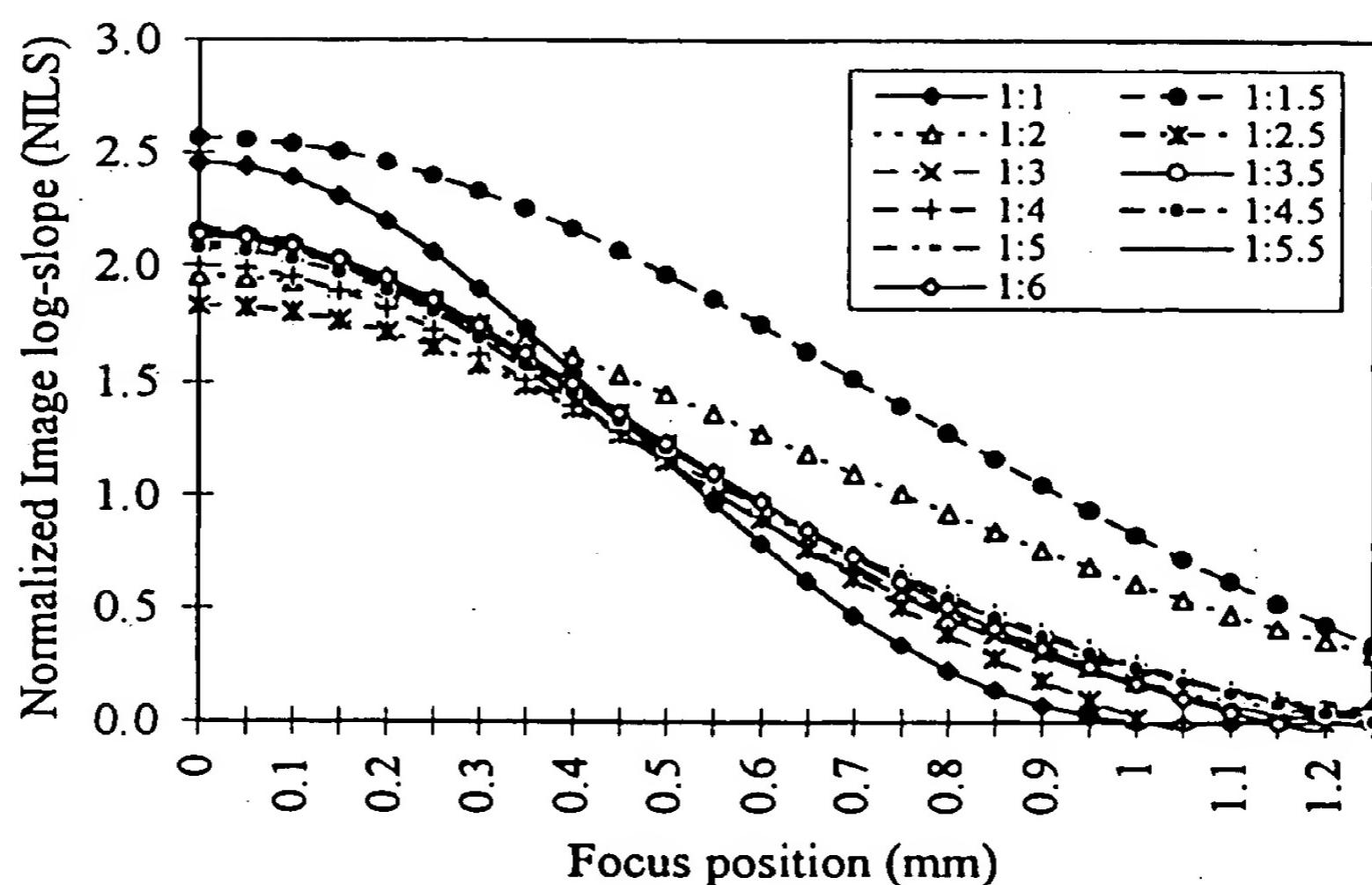


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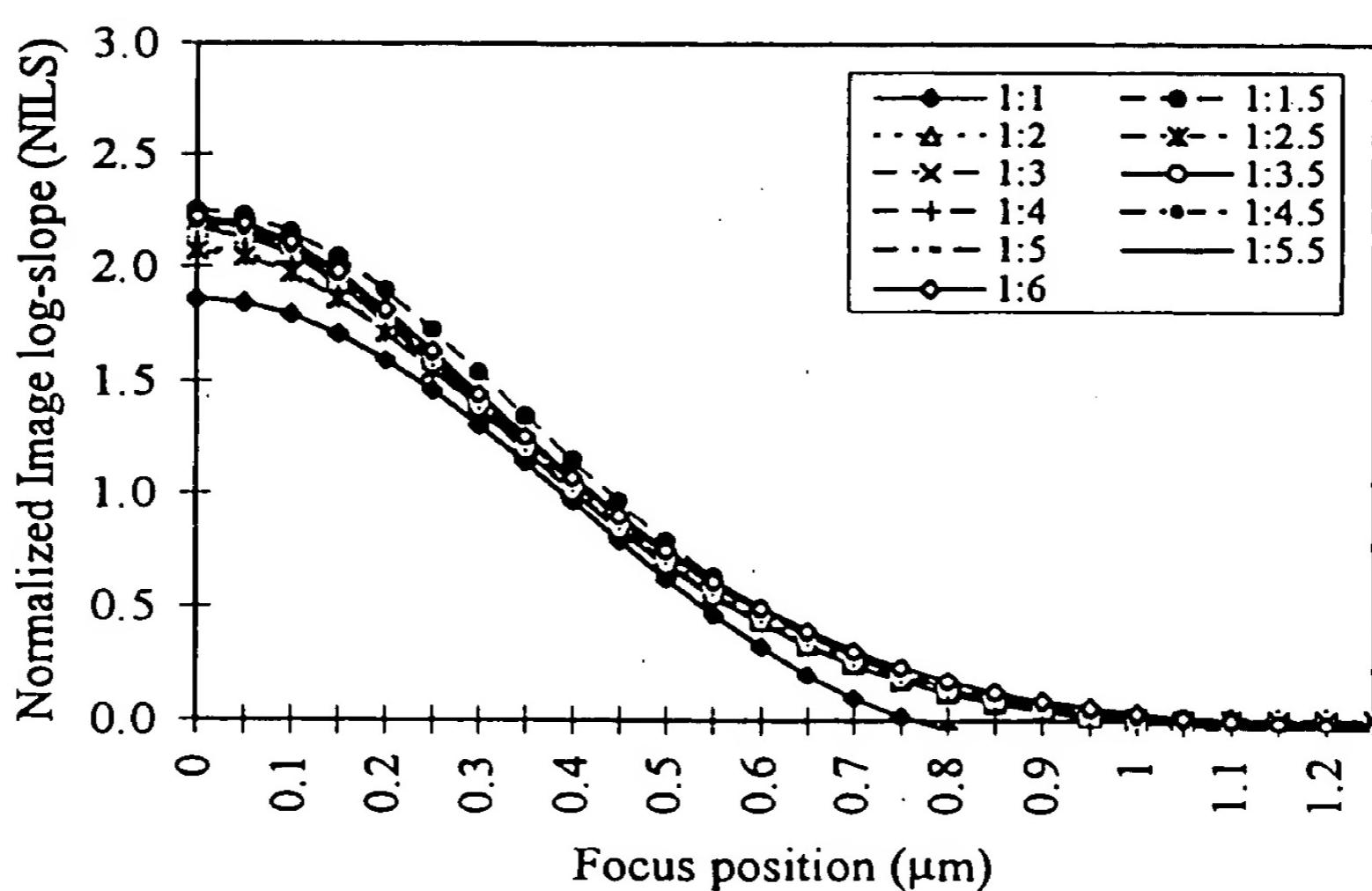


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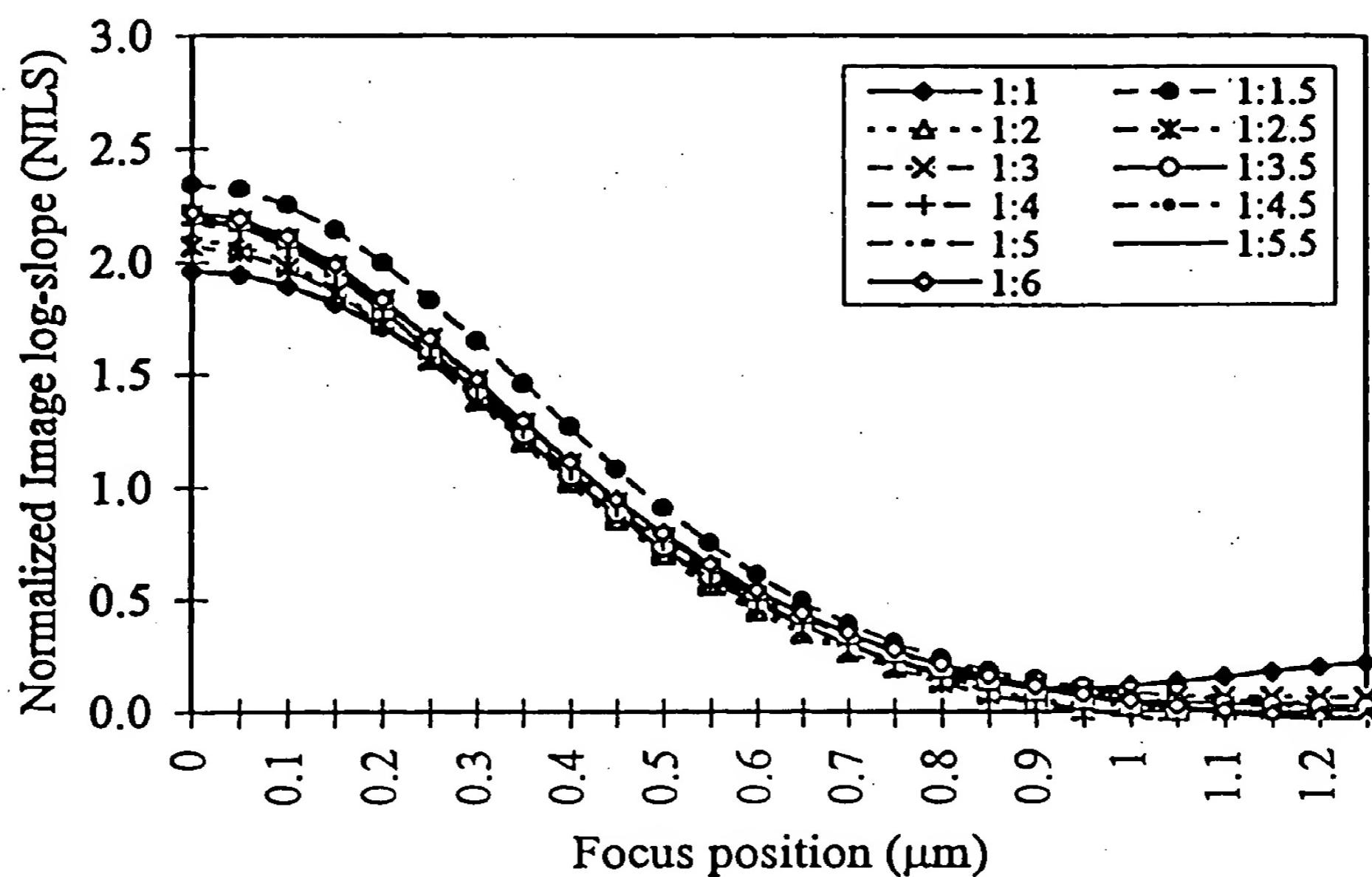


FIG. 15a

Normalized Image Log-Slope (NILS)

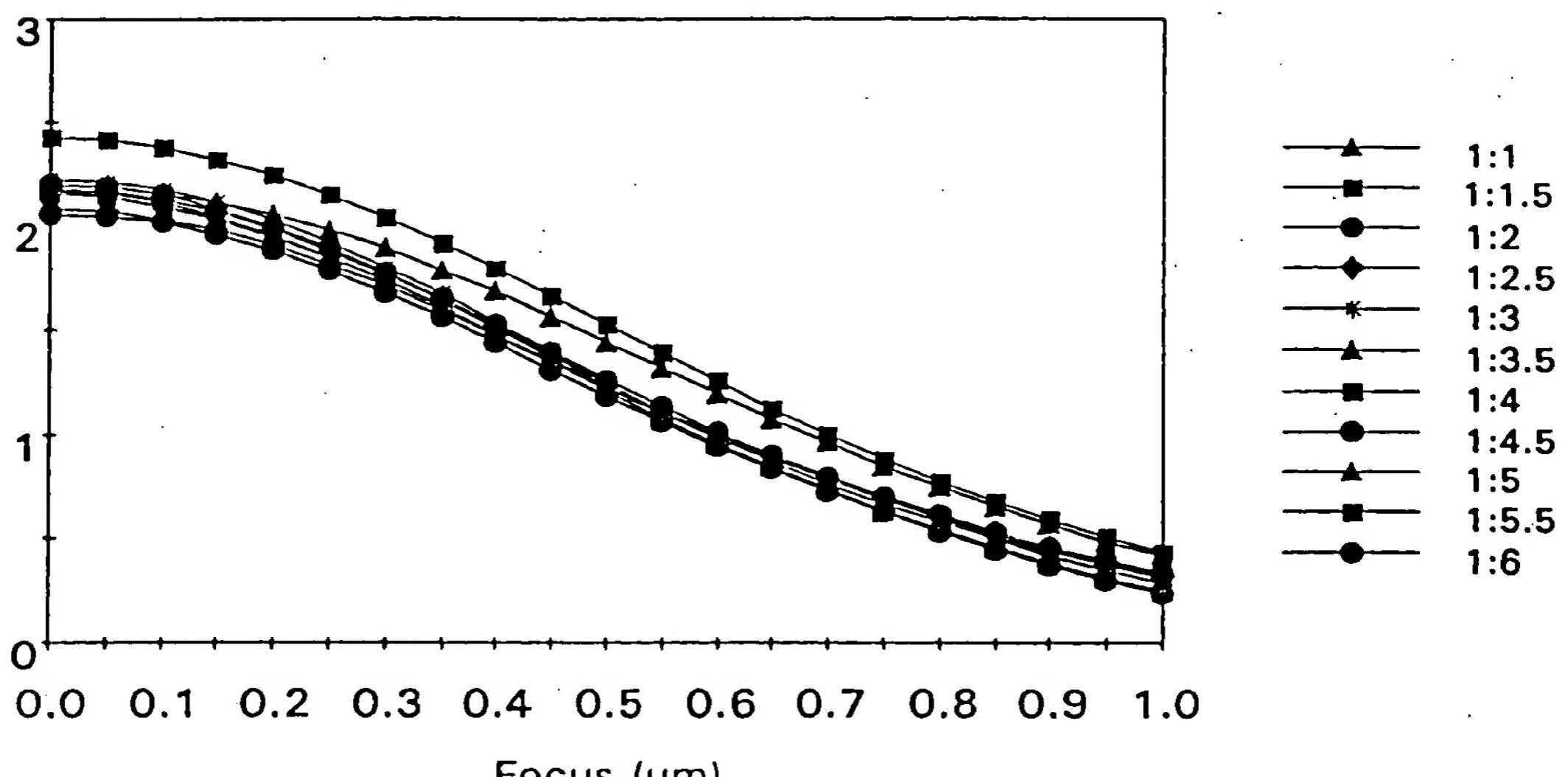


FIG. 15b

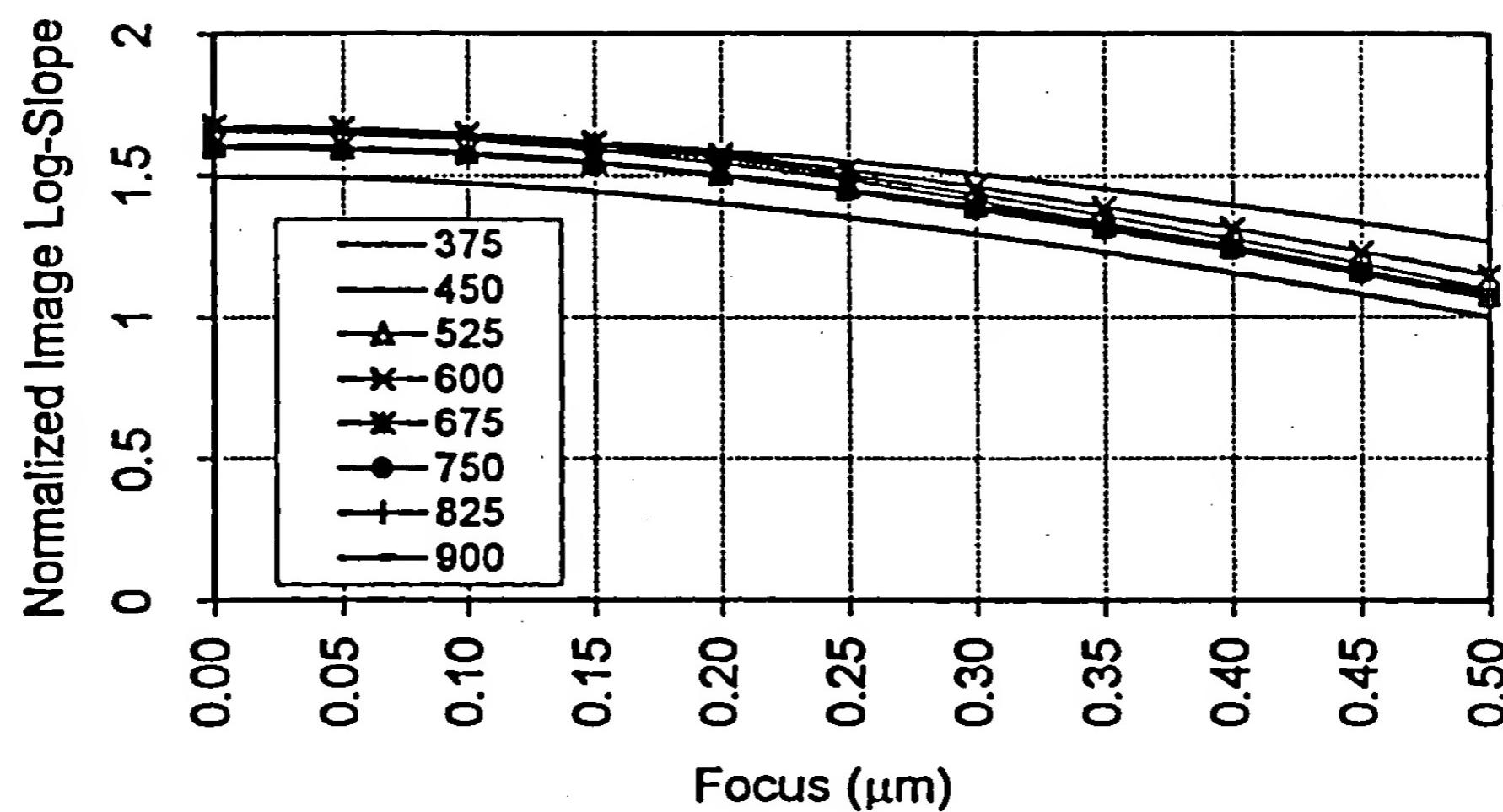


FIG. 15c

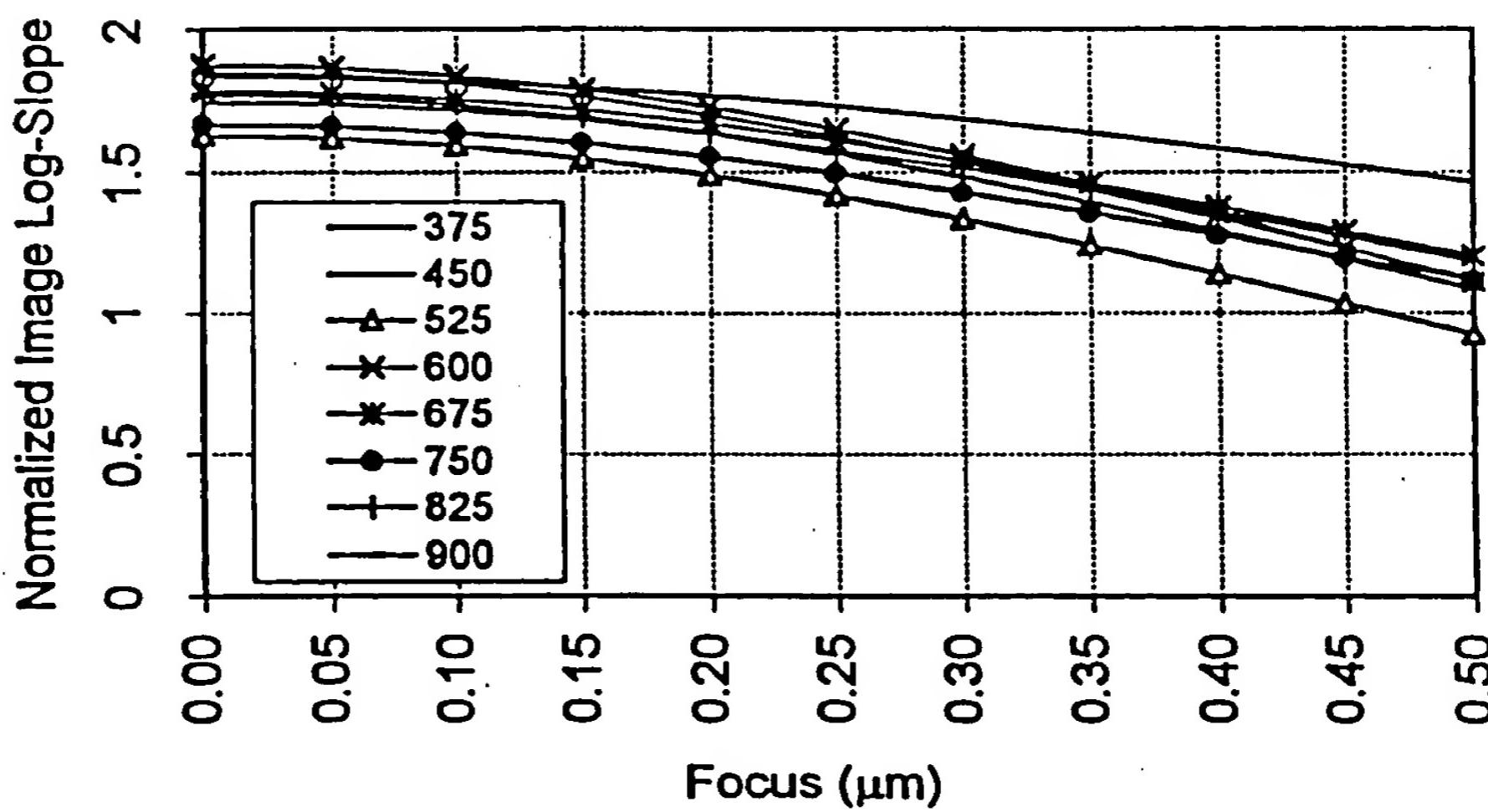


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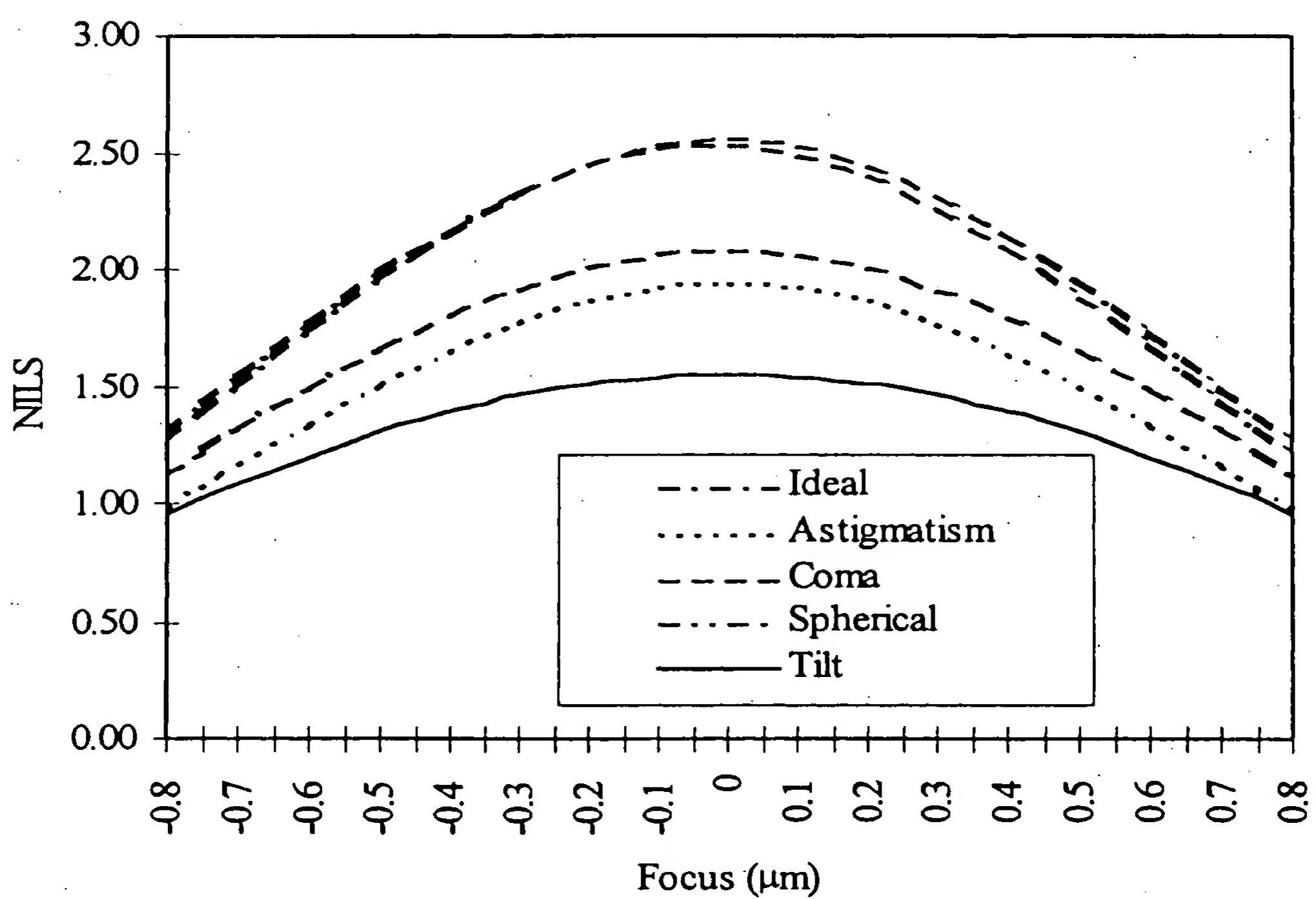


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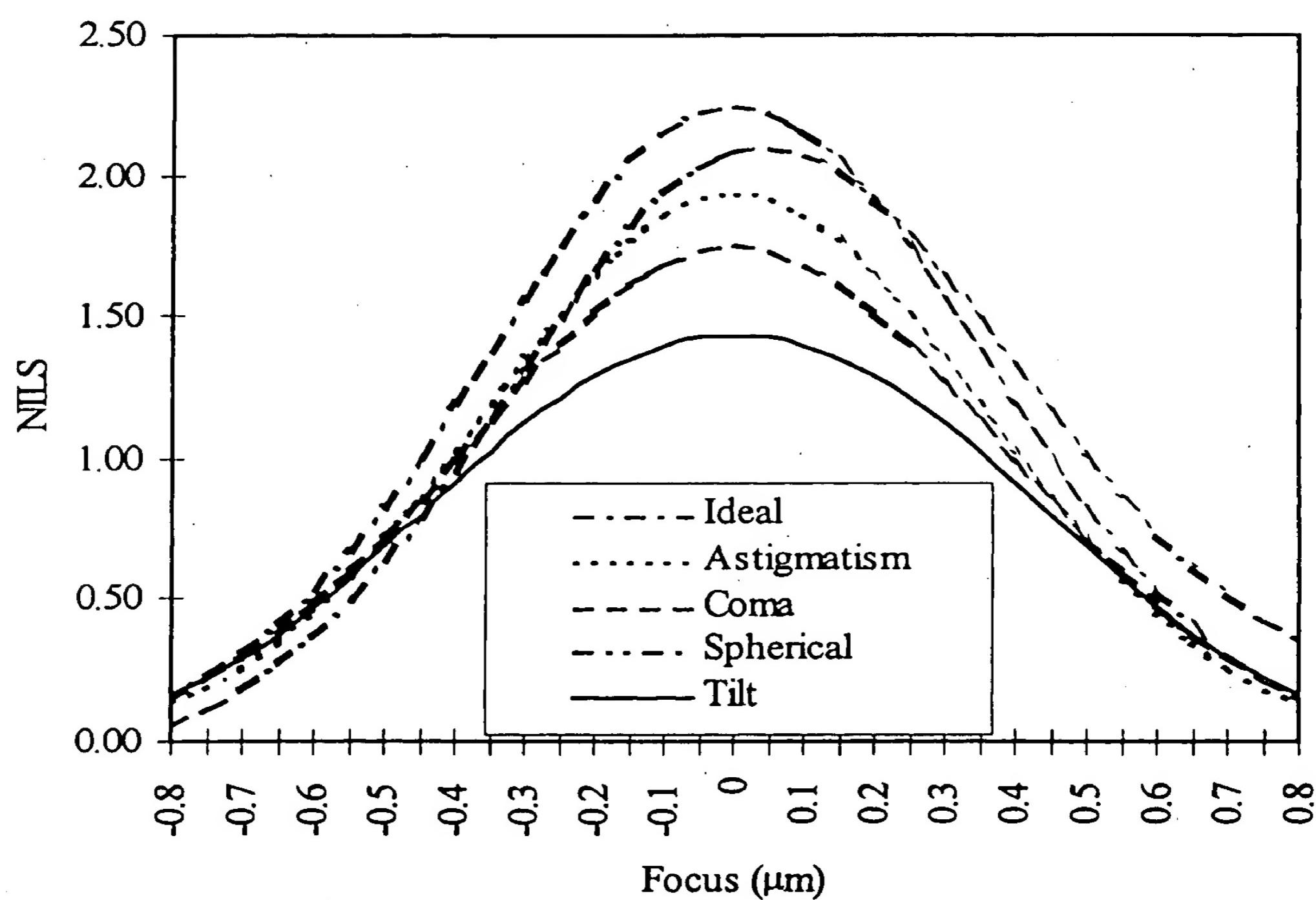


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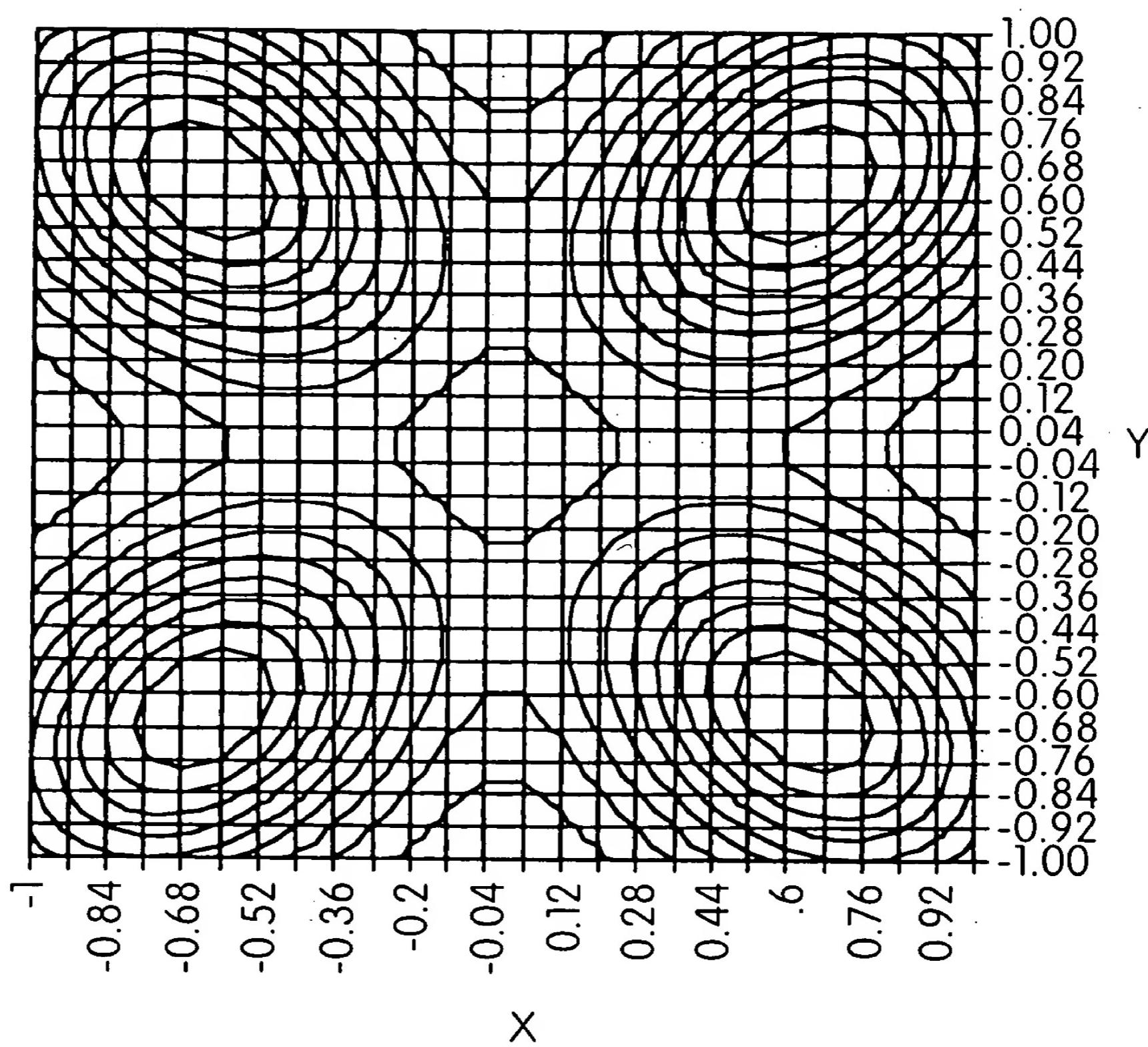


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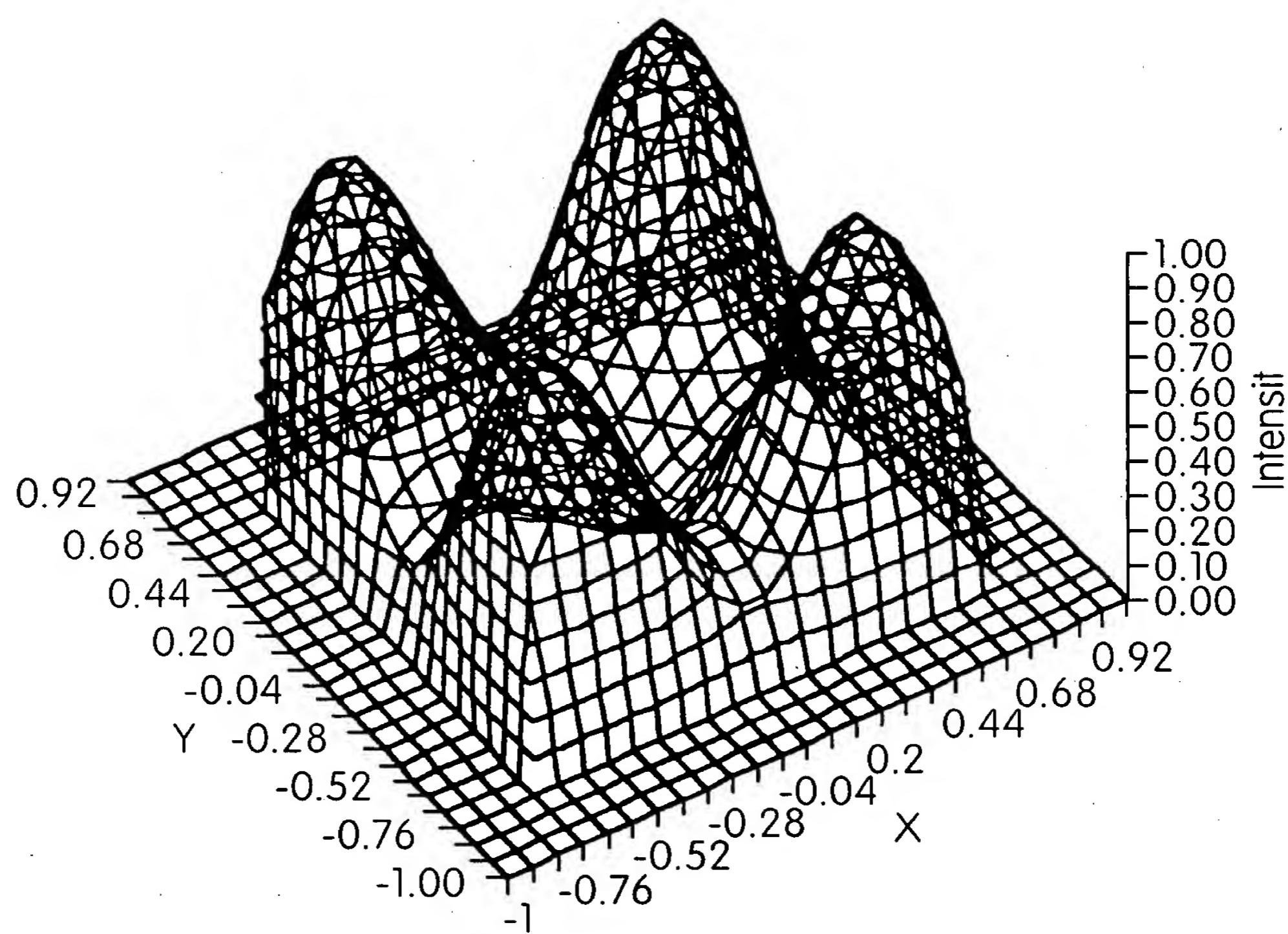


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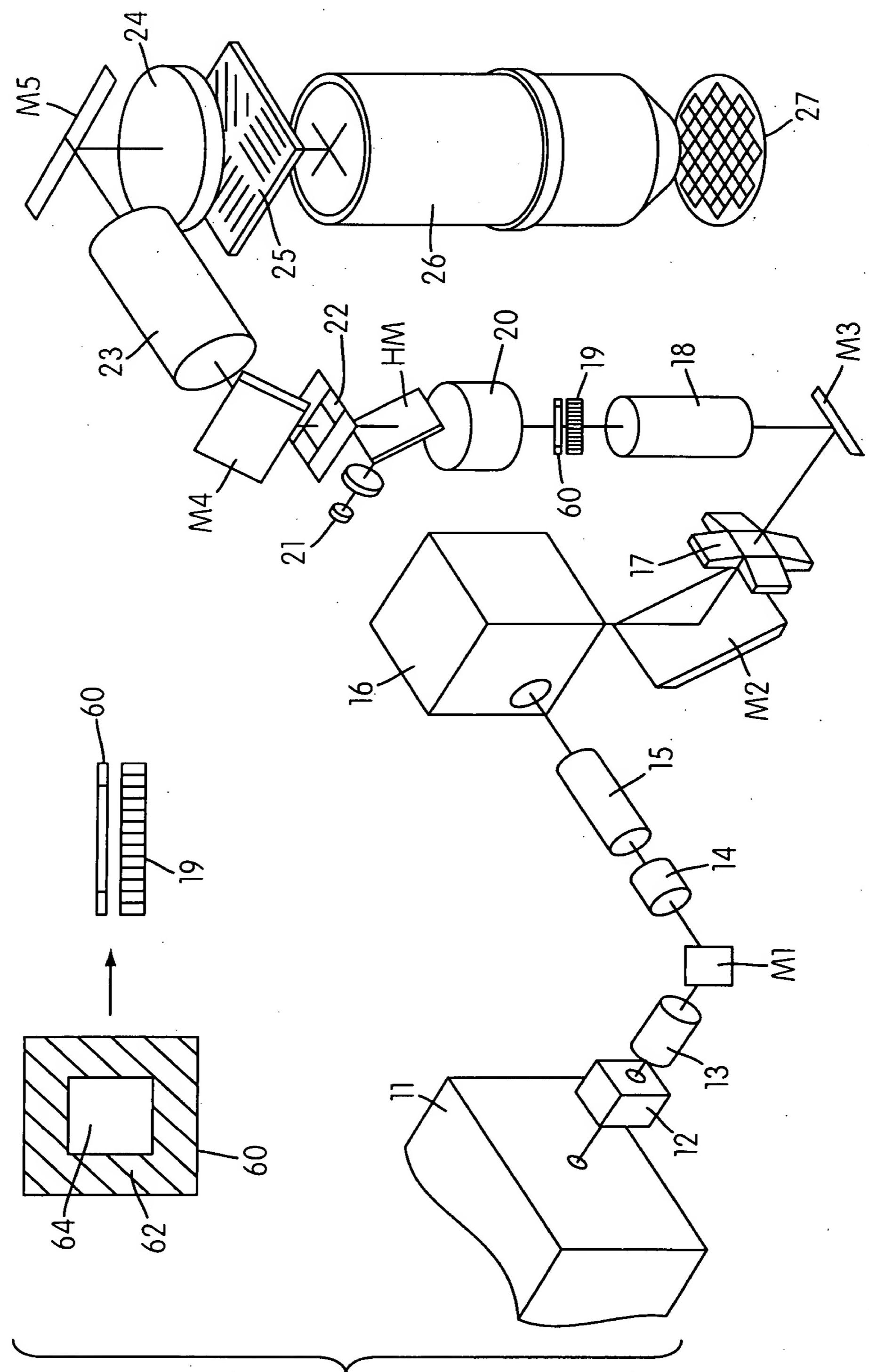


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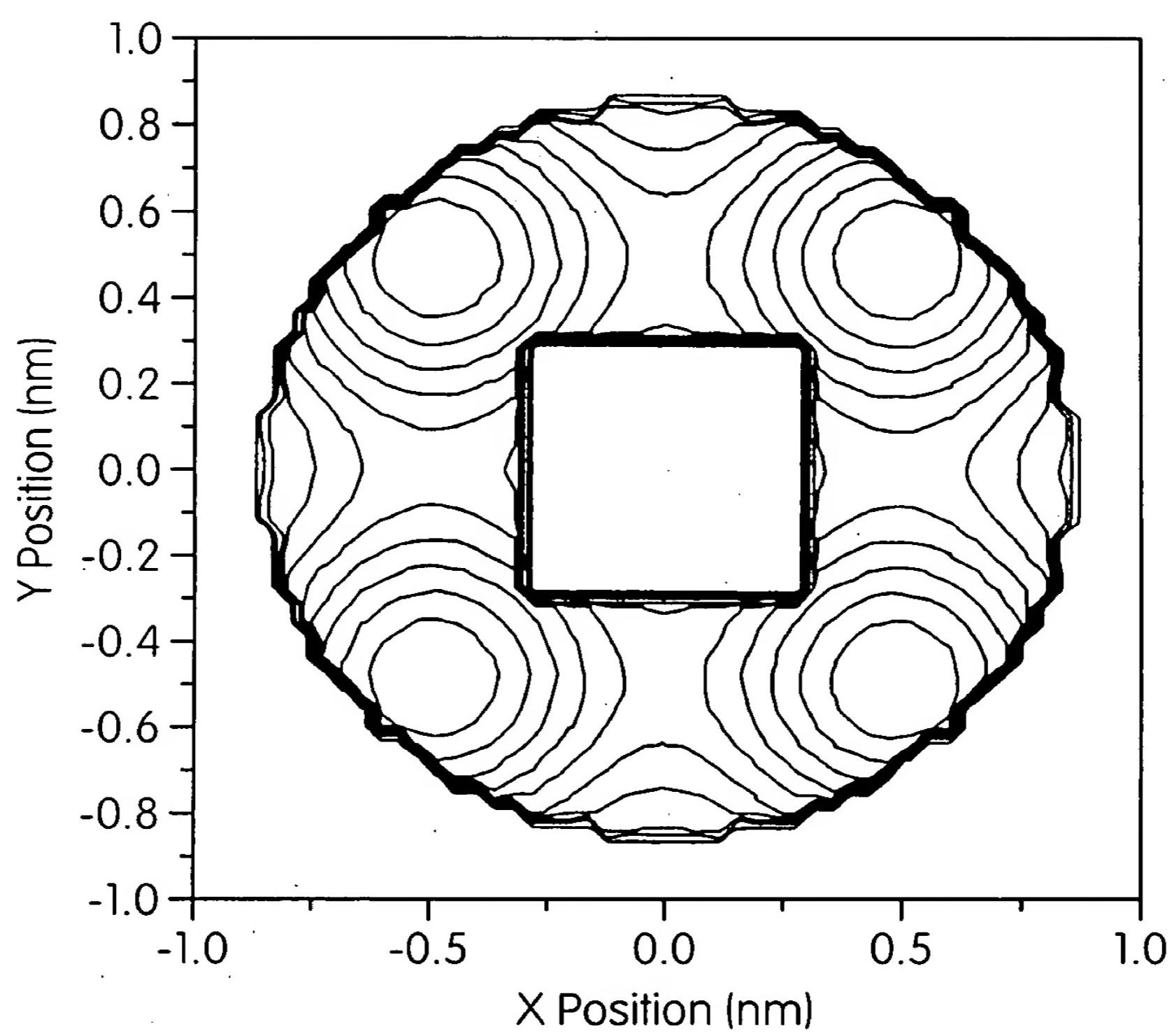


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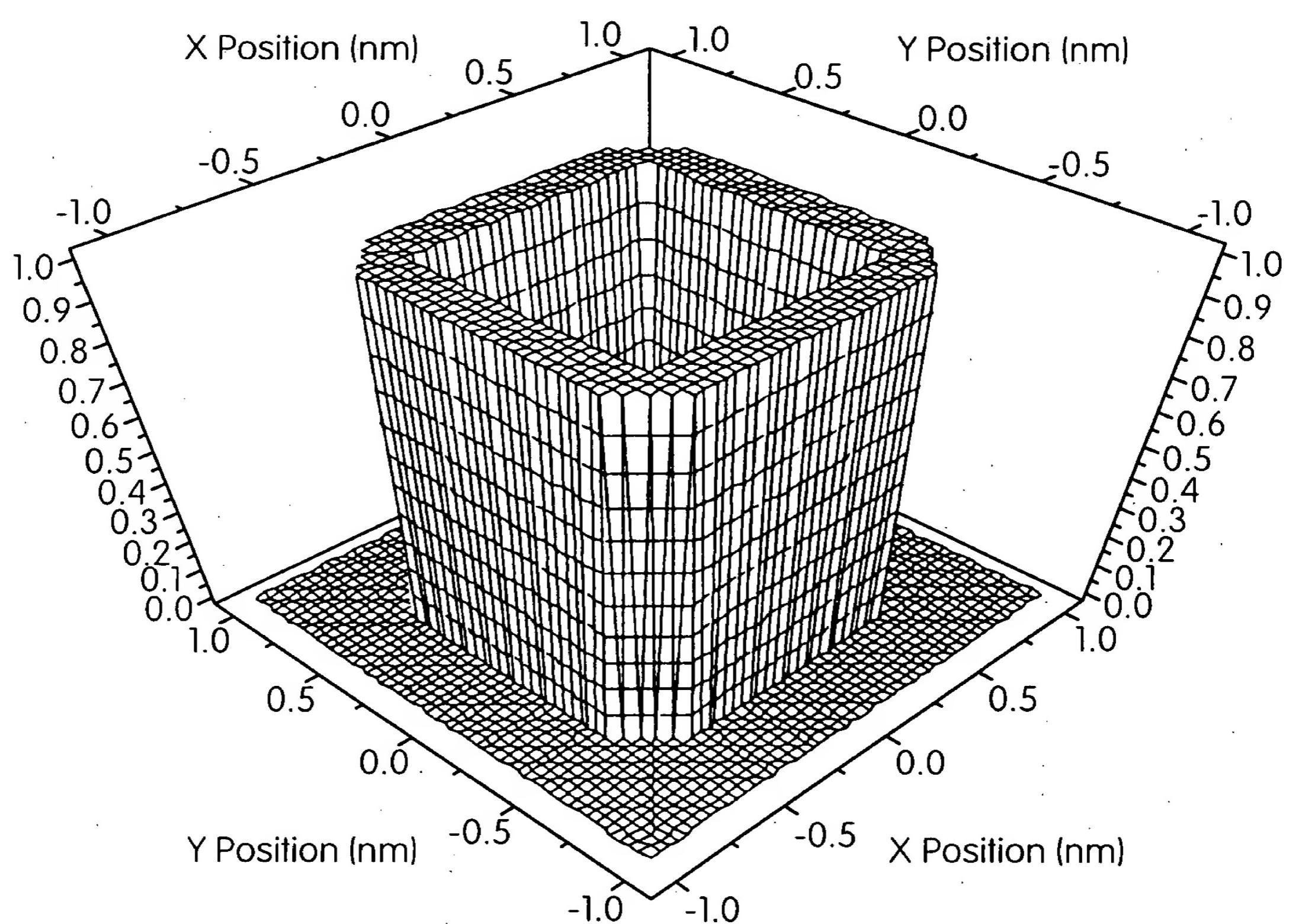


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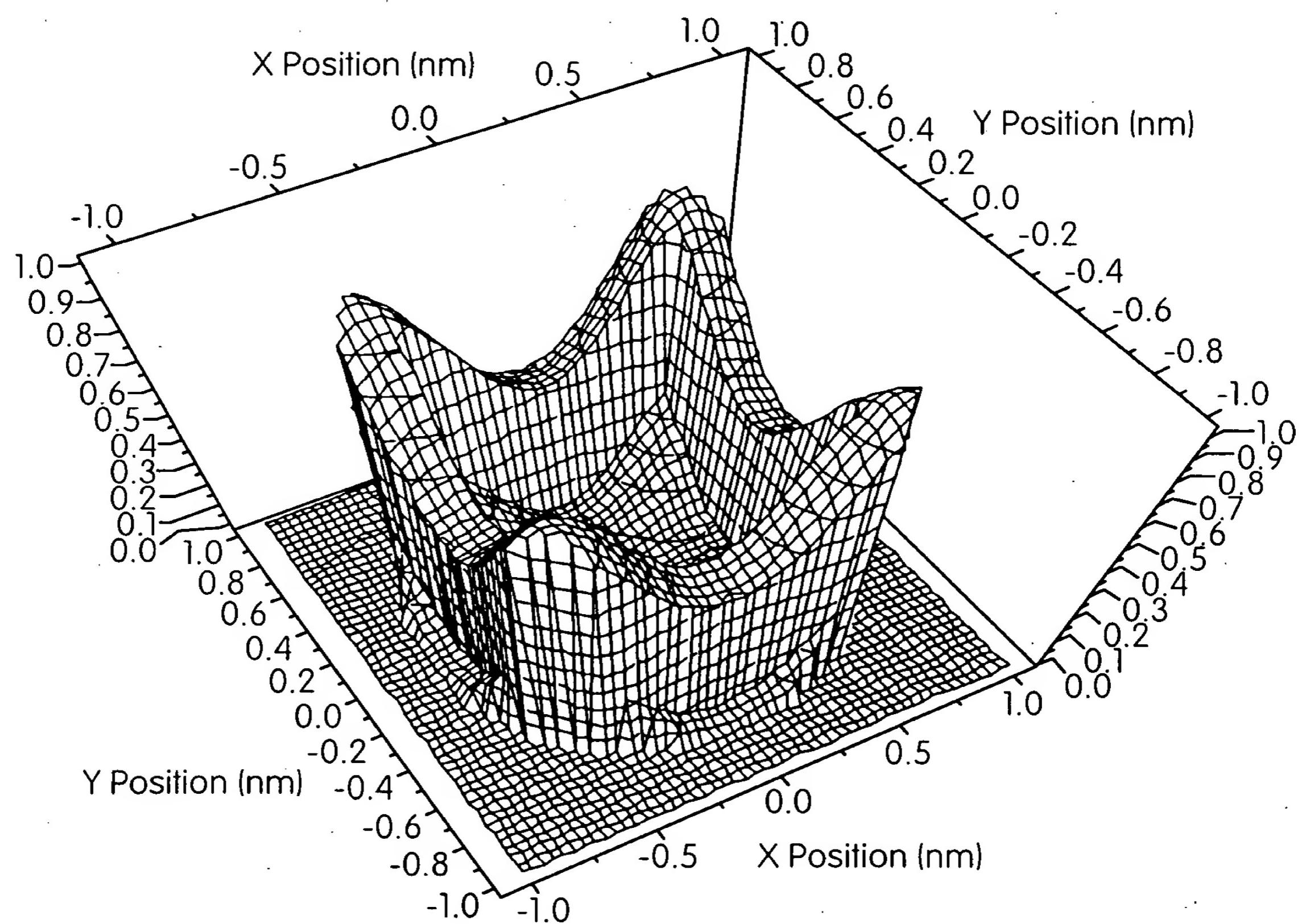


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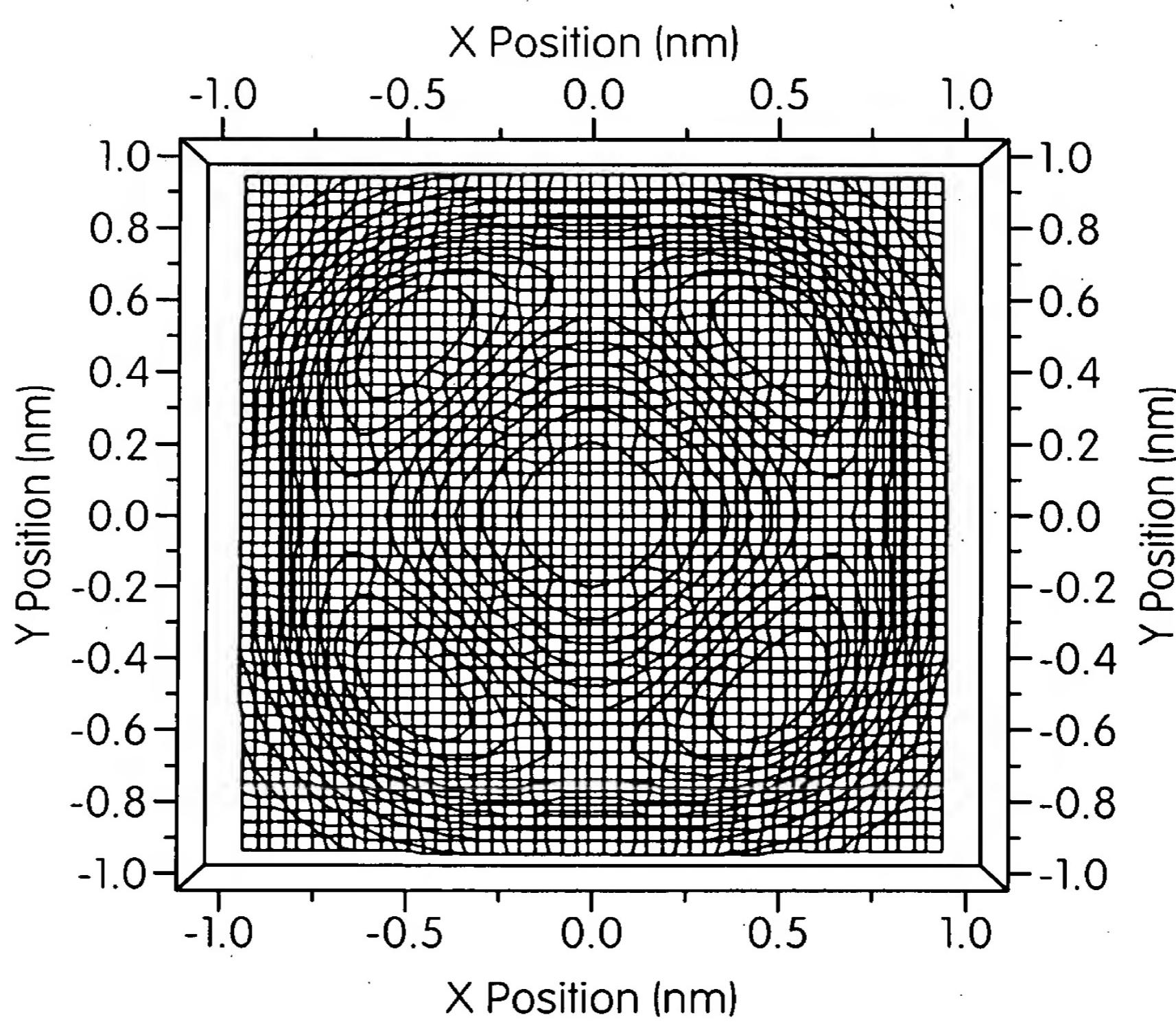
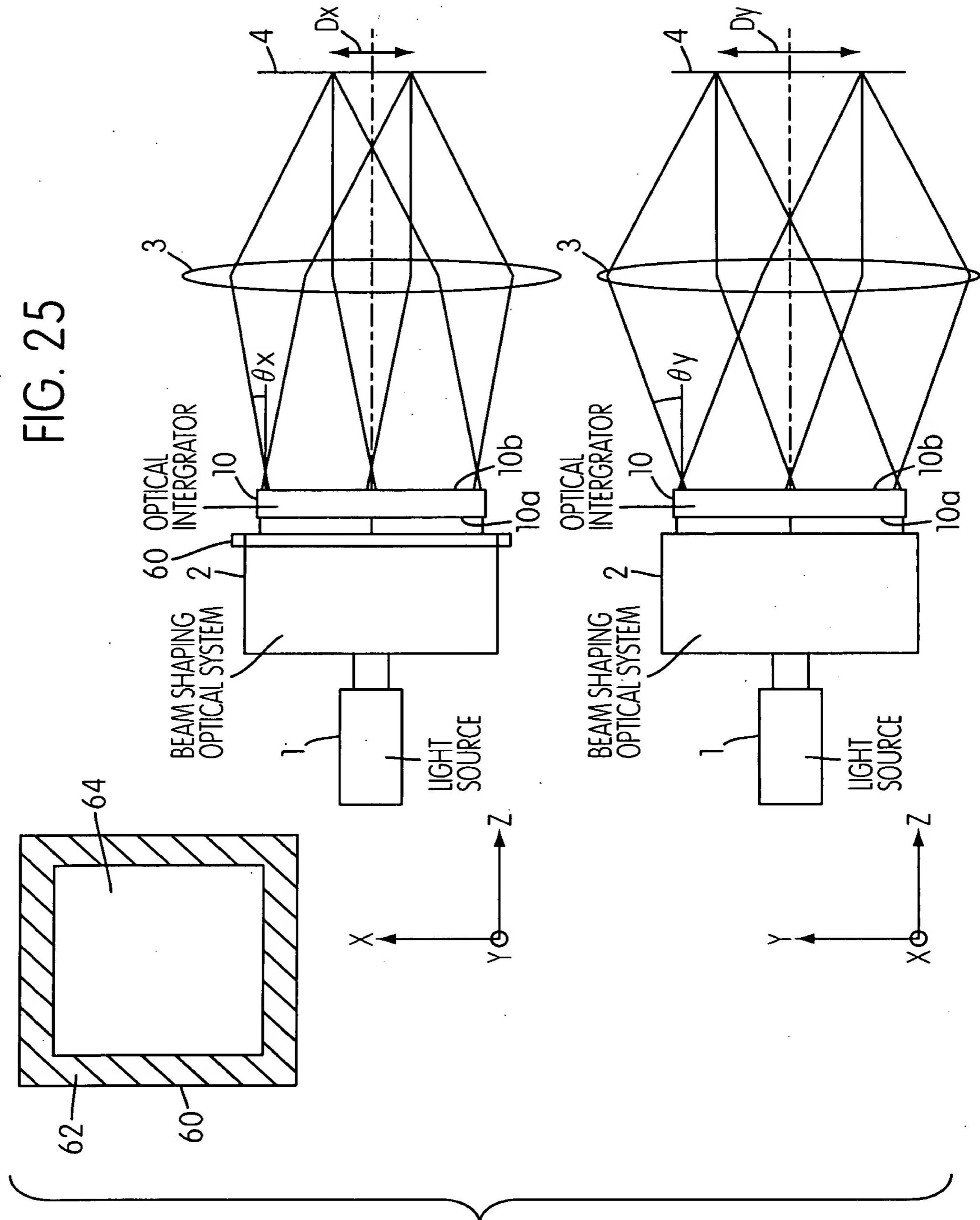


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FIG. 25



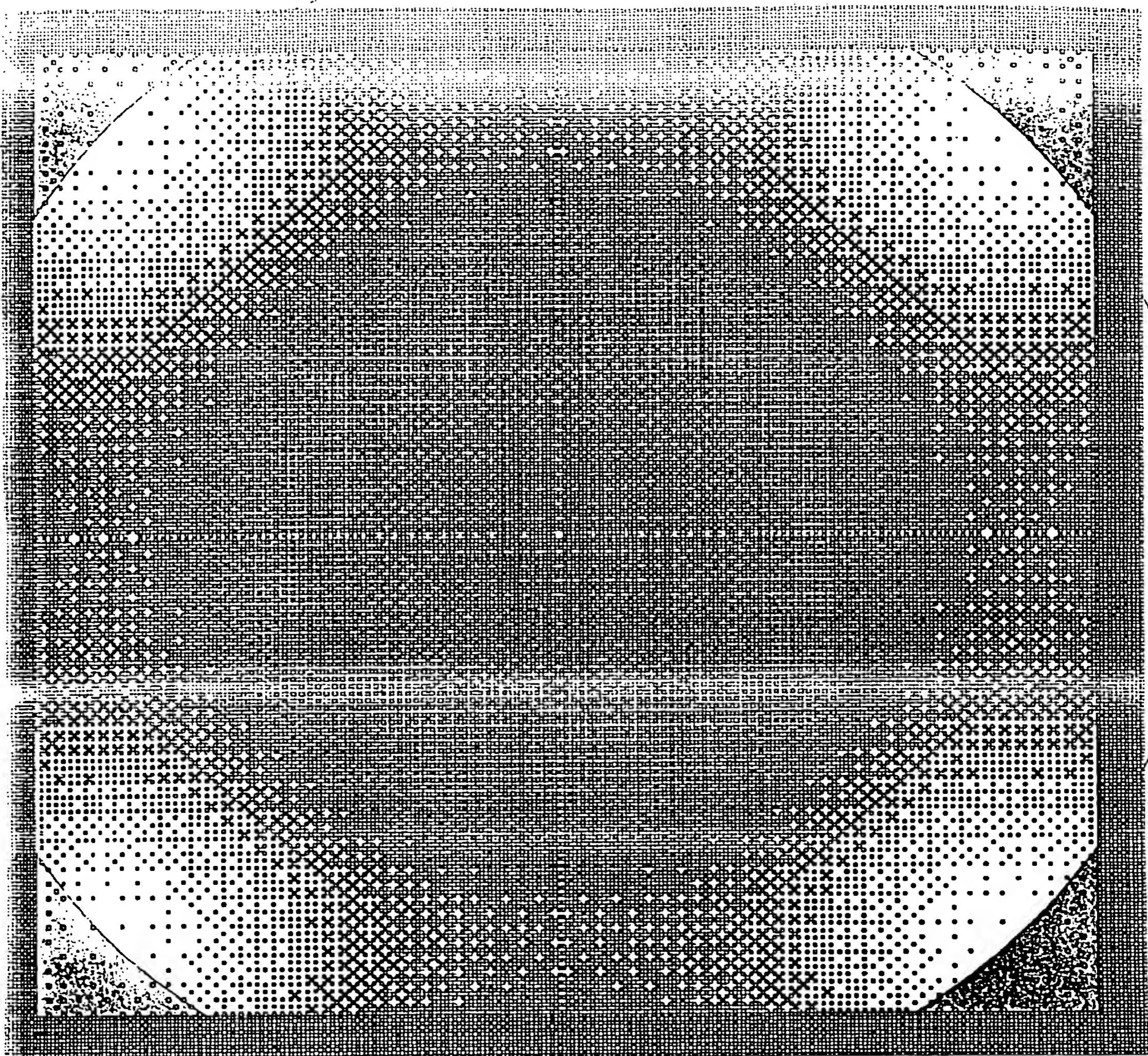


FIG. 26